

GALVESTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in a foreign country and has since spread throughout the world, including the United States of America, the State of Texas, and Galveston County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath; and in some cases, the virus has caused death; and,

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures have been taken throughout the United States of America, including in the State of Texas and Galveston County, Texas, to contain COVID-19 and prevent, slow and/or control the spread of the disease, including, but not limited to, the quarantine of individuals and additional health measures, and particularly in Galveston County, Texas, the issuance of a Declaration of Local Disaster and, most recently on March 13, 2020, an Order to Stay at Home by the County Judge of Galveston County, Texas, Mark Henry.

WHEREAS, the boundaries of and areas served by Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2, which includes all of the Bolivar Peninsula and the unincorporated areas of High Island, Gilchrist, Crystal Beach and Port Bolivar located in Galveston County, Texas, are not immune to the effects of the COVID-19 disease and outbreak, and which are subject to the various declarations and orders mentioned above.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2, by way of appropriate Board action during its Emergency Special Meeting held on March 26, 2020, approved and authorized the declaration of a local disaster for public health emergency by the District in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GALVESTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2:

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for and within the boundaries of Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Board of Commissioners of Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2.

3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly in and amongst the official records of Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2.

4. It is strongly recommended that all residents of, owners of property located in, and any visitors and other members of the public located within the boundaries of and areas serviced by Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2, which includes the Bolivar Peninsula and the unincorporated areas of High Island, Gilchrist, Crystal Beach and Port Bolivar located in Galveston County, Texas, strictly adhere to and comply with the terms of the March 23, 2020 Order to Stay at Home issued by the Galveston County Judge, Mark Henry, a copy of which is attached herewith for reference, and any further orders issued thereby, and also regularly monitor the Galveston County Health District (www.gchd.com) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (www.cdc.gov) websites for important information and updates concerning the Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak.

5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this the 27th day of March, 2020.

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Sid Bouse, President
Board of Commissioners