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The Honorable
Governor of Texas
c/o State Coordinator
Texas Division of Emergency Management
P. O. Box 4087
Austin, Texas 78773-0001

March 17, 2020

Dear Governor :

The **Lipscomb County**, Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to **Lipscomb County**.

The novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas;

The potential impact of this threat is:

The risk of spread of the infectious disease when necessary mitigation has not been put in effect for large gatherings

Costs have been incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 and are beginning to mount at the county and municipal levels.

I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond the capability of the Lipscomb County to control. Pursuant to §418.108 of the Texas Government Code, I am requesting that you declare a state of emergency for **Lipscomb County**, Texas, and issue appropriate directives to deal with the emergency.

Furthermore, I am asking that successive proclamations be issued and remain in effect until the threat of loss of life, injury, or damage property is contained.

A timely response to this request would be appreciated.

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Local Disaster Declaration

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the county and municipal levels; and

WHEREAS, a large gathering of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, Lipscomb County has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Lipscomb County citizens; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in Lipscomb County will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

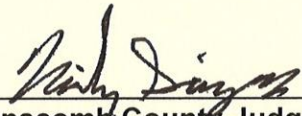
NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Mickey Simpson, Lipscomb County Judge**, of Lipscomb County, Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to **Lipscomb County**. In accordance with Section 418.018 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster and public health emergency for Lipscomb County.

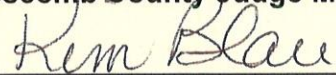
Furthermore, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), I recommend, following the Presidents guidance on 3/17/2020, that public gatherings greater than 10 people be postponed or canceled.

This declaration shall take effect immediately from its issuance and shall continue for a period of not more than seven days unless continued or renewed by the **Commissioners Court**, of Lipscomb County, Texas.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, this declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the **County Clerk, Kim Blau** of Lipscomb County.

Adopted this 17th day of March, 2020.



Lipscomb County Judge Mickey Simpson


Lipscomb County Clerk Kim Blau