DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS: symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with others; and

WHEREAS: the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents and imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Somervell County; and

WHEREAS: on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS: the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease; and

WHEREAS: the said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency;

THEREFORE: Be it proclaimed by The County Judge of Somervell County that:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Somervell County, pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. That this disaster activates the Somervell County Emergency Management Plan, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code.

3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the Somervell County Commissioners Court, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code.

4. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code.

5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and will expire at 11:59 p.m. April 13th 2020

ORDERED this the 27th day of March, 2020, at 09:45 a.m. per Somervell County Commissioners Court

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Danny Chambers, County Judge