



**COUNTY OF MILAM, TEXAS COUNTY JUDGE  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER  
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID- 19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the 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 one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delta variant of COVID-19 has emerged and is spreading at an extraordinary rate, with the current threat level in Milam County listed as 'uncontrolled community transmission'; 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**, on March 19, 2020, the Milam County Judge issued a local disaster declaration enacting the provisions of Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code providing for a local state of disaster due to a public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Milam County Judge's local disaster declaration was extended by the Milam County Commissioners Court on March 23, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Abbott issued a State Wide Disaster Order on March 31, 2021 which subsumed most of the provisions of the local disaster declaration dated March 19, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently some uncertainty as to whether the Governor's state-wide disaster declaration is sufficient for seeking federal and/or state aid associated with the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, In the interest of justice and in an abundance of caution, Milam County, Texas, has, and is continuing, to take extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this devastating disease in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Milam County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 2.** That 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 (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless approved by the Commissioners Court of Milam County, Texas.

**SECTION 3.** That 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 with the County Clerk.

**SECTION 4.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Milam County, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

**SECTION 5.** That this declaration authorizes the County to take any and all actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus that may be consistent with the authority granted to it by state law.

**SECTION 6.** That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

**SECTION 7.** That this declaration shall take effect as of June 1, 2021 and, upon approval by the Commissioners Court, shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any

time as deemed necessary to protect the public health and general welfare of the residents of the Milam County.

**DECLARED this 23rd day of August, 2021**  
**Judge Steve Young**  
Date: 2021.08.19 19:49:30 -05'00'

Steve Young  
Milam County Judge