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## CITY OF MISSION

*"Home of the Grapefruit"*

March 13, 2020

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

Dear Governor Abbott:

Beginning in December, 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19, was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world.

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020.

Extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Mission, Texas. The City's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented for preparation and response efforts.

I have determined that this virus is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond the capability of the City of Mission to control. Pursuant to §433.001 of the Texas Government Code, I am requesting that you declare a state of Public Health emergency for City of Mission, 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 the virus is controlled and no longer resulting in loss of life.

A timely response to this request would be appreciated. You may contact me at (956) 222-5739.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Armando O'caña'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dr. Armando O'caña  
Mayor

cc: Honorable Richard Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge, 100 E. Cano St. 2nd Floor Edinburg, TX 78539  
Emergency Management Coordinator, Ricardo Saldana 100 E. Cano St. 2nd Floor Edinburg, TX 7853

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the City of Mission is facing significant threats to life, and health due to the potential possibility of a Public Health emergency (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Mission has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MISSION:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Mission.
3. Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the city emergency management plan.
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Mayor Dr. Armando O'caña

ATTEST:

  
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Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

