RESOLUTION

Ward County Commissioners Court

March 23, 2020

No. 2020-03-02

WHEREAS:

The Ward County Commissioners Court (the "Court") is entrusted by the citizens

of Ward County (the "County") to perform in the best interests of its citizens;

WHEREAS:

The Texas Governor has declared for Texas, and the Ward County Judge has

declared for the County, a state of disaster due to public health emergency;

WHEREAS:

The Court has approved and consented to the local disaster declaration; and

WHEREAS:

The following orders are deemed necessary for the health and safety of the citizens

of Ward County, Texas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners Court of Ward County, Texas, that the following shall orders shall remain in place until modified or terminated by the Ward County Judge or by the Court:

- 1. <u>County Facilities</u> The Ward County Event Center, Ward County Coliseum, Ward County Ball Parks, and all Community Centers and Libraries in the County, shall remain closed to the public through April 30, 2020, or until further notice from the Ward County Judge or the Court.
- 2. <u>County Offices</u> County offices, including the courthouse, shall be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, through April 3, 2020, or until further notice from the Ward County Judge or the Court.
- 3. <u>County Employees</u> Employees shall work hours and schedules as determined by their respective supervisors (elected officials or department heads). Supervisors should attempt to schedule employees in such a way as to maintain essential services to the public while taking into consideration the public admonishments and warnings concerning health and safety practices desired for workplaces.
- 4. <u>Employee Compensation</u> Employees prevented from working their usual hours or schedule due to revised scheduling hereunder, or due to illness, will be compensated as follows: Full-time employees will receive no reduction in pay.

Part-time employees will be paid a minimum wage based upon that employee's average number of hours worked for the three (3) month period from December, 2019 through February, 2020. Time off from work due to illness will be charged first against federal sick leave, then against the employee's accrued sick leave, and then treated as paid leave.

5. <u>Senior Citizens Centers</u> - Meals will be prepared and delivered on Mondays and Wednesdays only. On Mondays, meals for two (2) days will be delivered. On Wednesdays, meals for three (3) days will be delivered. Those not ordinarily receiving home delivery may request home delivery or may pick up meals on Mondays and Wednesdays at the center.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ward County Judge is hereby authorized to modify or terminate any of the above matters in his discretion, until further resolution by the Court.

Approved and adopted this the 23 rd day of March, 20 20.

Ward County Commissioners Court

Greg M. Holly Ward County Judge

Attest:

Denise Valles
Ward County Clerk