DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the health, life, and property of the residents of Atascosa County is under imminent threat of disaster from the human trafficking occurring on our border with Mexico. The on-going border crisis has resulted in thousands of illegal aliens invading Atascosa County and overwhelming our local, state, and federal law enforcement. This continual violation of our sovereignty and territorial integrity has resulted in residents of Atascosa County being assaulted, threatened with violence, and robbed, while also sustaining vast amounts of property damage; and

WHEREAS, the public health and safety of the residents of Atascosa County is under imminent threat of disaster from an elevated risk of exposure to unknown variants of COVID-19 resulting from the human trafficking occurring on our border with Mexico. The limited resources of Atascosa County cannot adequately furnish the necessary procedures and facilities set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for testing and quarantining of thousands of illegal aliens who may be infected with unknown variants of COVID-19 or other infectious diseases that residents have not been vaccinated for; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Atascosa County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of county residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF Atascosa County, Texas:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Atascosa County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless renewed by the County Judge or continued by the Commissioners' Court of Atascosa County, Texas.

3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Atascosa County, Texas.

4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Atascosa County emergency management plan.

5. Pursuant to Section 362.002(a) of the Texas Local Government Code, this local state of disaster is intended to authorize, and does hereby declare, that a state of civil emergency exists in Atascosa County, Texas, and requests the assistance of additional law enforcement to uphold the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the county.

6. Pursuant to Section 433.005(a) of the Texas Government Code, this local state of disaster is intended to request, and does hereby request, that the Governor of Texas provide state military forces to aid in controlling conditions in the county and, in South Texas, for the preservation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the county.

7. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available resources and authority granted under both the Constitution of Texas and the Constitution of the United States.

8. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Atascosa County 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 deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 21st day of April 2021.

Robert L. Hurley

Robert L. Hurley, County Judge
Atascosa County, Texas