

**ORDER OF CONTINUATION OF LOCAL DECLARATION**

**OF IMMINENT DISASTER OF MARCH 17, 2020. AMENDED AND ISSUED EFFECTIVE**

**12:00 A.M. FRIDAY MAY 1, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has declared a National Emergency and Governor of the State of Texas certified that Novel coronavirus COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster and declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas on the 13th day of March 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 poses the threat of infection, serious illness and possible death to all ages of people, those with pre-existing conditions, the aged and those with a weakened immune system are the most vulnerable having the highest risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418.1015 & 418.108 authorizes the county judge to declare a local disaster within the county "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Health Authority along with a consensus of many educated, trained and experienced medical professionals has determined the rapid spread of this Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 has become an imminent threat to Young County; and

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the spread of a highly communicable disease into the public; and

**WHEREAS**, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of spread of Novel Coronavirus COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of the Novel coronavirus COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Young County.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to 418.1015 & 418.108 Texas Government Code I, John C. Bullock, County Judge of Young County, Texas do hereby **DECLARE A CONTINUING DISASTER** in Young County, Texas.

**AND FURTHER**, Pursuant to Executive Order, GA 18, of Governor Abbott and the systematic re-opening of the businesses, industry and economy of Texas and his Order(s) having been declared superseding of any local jurisdictional directive, hereby cancel, withdraw and make void any exhibit and any other directive of this previously amended Declaration and make no further directives other than to follow that which has been laid out by Governor Abbott in GA 18. **However, nothing herein shall prevent any such Order or Directive to be added, attached or affixed to this Declaration if such Order or Directive becomes necessary for the health, safety and/or well-being of the citizens of Young County, Texas.**

**AND FURTHER**, Such Amended Declaration Shall remain in effect for an undetermined period or upon cancelation, modification or continuation, of this Declaration, as circumstances of the crisis may require.

**DECLARED THIS 30<sup>th</sup>, DAY OF September IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 2020**

**JOHN C. BULLOCK, YOUNG COUNTY JUDGE**

