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Thomas D. Neely
Hudspeth County Judge
STATE OF TEXAS

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO INTERNATIONAL BORDER CRISIS

WHEREAS, the safety, health and well-being of our residents is the primary goal of the Commissioners Court of Hudspeth County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Texas counties along the United States' border with Mexico are experiencing a security, humanitarian and public health crisis as thousands of migrants and refugees cross the border illegally into the United States, with instances of hundreds of individuals being apprehended each day in Hudspeth County; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement authorities report virtually all individuals apprehended in Hudspeth County are not refugees seeking asylum but instead adult men migrants who are increasingly putting themselves and the public at risk while attempting to avoid capture; and

WHEREAS, this border crisis has created unsafe situations in Hudspeth County for residents who feel insecure in their own homes after experiencing threats to person, property damage or theft, as well as inhumane conditions for the migrants themselves who are often subject to violence or left to die by human traffickers, and an unacceptable burden on our law enforcement personnel who are placed on the front lines of this crisis without proper support and resources; and

WHEREAS, the global COVID-19 pandemic transforms this humanitarian and security crisis into a public health emergency as Hudspeth County cannot perform the necessary procedures to identify

and address COVID-19 virus and variants in accordance to guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control, thus creating a local public health risk to our entire community; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Hudspeth 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 Hudspeth County, Texas:

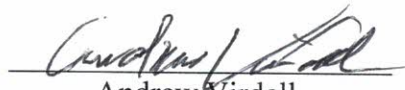
1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Hudspeth County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless renewed by the County Judge or continued by the Commissioners' Court of Hudspeth 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 Hudspeth County, Texas.
4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Hudspeth County emergency management plan.
5. Pursuant to Section 362.003(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 Hudspeth County, Texas, and requests the assistance of additional state and federal law enforcement to uphold the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the county.
6. Pursuant to Section 433.00S(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 by assisting the County Sheriff in the enforcement of law and the preservation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the county.

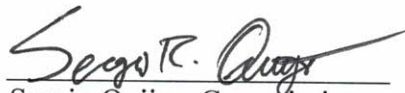
7. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available resources and authority granted under both the Constitution of Texas and the Constitution of the United States.
8. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Hudspeth 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 18th day of May 2021.



Thomas D. Neely, County Judge
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Attest. 
Brenda Sanchez, County Clerk

