

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and County Judge Bill Magers has declared a state of disaster and public health emergency for Grayson County; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at county and municipal levels; and

WHEREAS, Grayson County and our municipality has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the City of Howe citizens; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in Howe, Texas will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill French, Mayor of the City of Howe, Grayson County, Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to the City of Howe. In accordance with Section 418.018 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster and public health emergency for the City of Howe.

Furthermore, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), I recommend the postponement or cancellation of all public gatherings greater than 50 people.

This declaration shall take effect immediately from its issuance and shall continue for a period of not more than seven days unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Howe, Texas.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, this declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk of the City of Howe.

Adopted this 16th day of March 2020.



MAYOR



City Clerk

