DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER BY PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

- WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and
- **WHEREAS**, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and
- WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and
- WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vidor, Texas (the "City"), is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and
- WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR AND PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

- **SECTION 1.** The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated for all purposes.
- **SECTION 2.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- **SECTION 3.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City.
- **SECTION 4.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
- **SECTION 5.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City's emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 6. That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 7. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this 20th day of March, 2020.

CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS

Kimberly Stiebig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki Watson, City Secretary