

ORDER

THE COUNTY JUDGE OF BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS, ISSUING A SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER FOR THE CITIZENS OF BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and, under the authority vested in the Governor by Section 418.014 of Texas Government Code, declared a State of Disaster for all counties in Texas:

WHEREAS, March 16, 2020, the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) lowered the recommended number of persons at mass gathering 10:

WHEREAS, March 31, 2020, the Governor of Texas issued Executive Order NO. GA-14 relating to statewide county of essential services and actives during the COVIS-19 disaster:

WHEREAS, March 19, 2020, the County Judge of Briscoe County, Texas declared a Local State of Disaster and Public Health Emergency for Briscoe County,

WHEREAS, March 23, 2020, the Commissioners Court of Briscoe County, Texas extended the Local State of Disaster which continue until further notice.

WHEREAS, because of the risk of rapid spreads of the virus, the needs to protect the most vulnerable members the community, the intent to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in the places of residence to maximum extent feasible while enabling essential services to continue, and the desire to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible, the County Judge of Briscoe County, has determined this Declaration of Local State of Disaster and Public Health Emergency (“Declaration”) and Order to Shelter in Place (“Order”) are required ;

WHEREAS, this Order is based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within the County and throughout the Texas Panhandle area, scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and evidence that the age, condition and health of a significant portion of population of the County places a risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS:

Effective at 11:59 p.m. on April 7, 2020, and continuing until further notice;

Every resident of Briscoe County shall stay at their home or residence and limit movements and personal interaction outside of the home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or to conduct essential activities – as elaborated in GA-14.

All residents who have been medically advised to isolate or quarantine shall strictly observe that isolation or quarantine for the entire period until medically cleared.

All residents are strongly advised to observe social distancing and all guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued to prevent spread of the coronavirus.

In accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.173, failure to comply with this order or with any Executive Order of the Governor of Texas pursuant to this public health emergency is an offense punishable by a fine of \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term up to 180 days or both.

Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on April 7th, 2020, and will continue until further notice.

BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wayne Nance", written over a horizontal line.

Wayne Nance, Briscoe County Judge