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**WEBB COUNTY
CONTINUING EMERGENCY MEASURES
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)
EMERGENCY ORDER**

June 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared COVID-19 a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has declared a state of disaster; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Executive Order of the Governor Relating to Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued March 16, 2020, the County Judge declared a state of disaster for Webb County resulting from:

Coronavirus disease, also referred to COVID-19 has been confirmed in Webb County. Therefore, it is necessary to take action to prevent further opportunity for COVID-19 to spread in our community.

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Commissioners Court of Webb County continued the state of disaster for Webb County until terminated by Order of the Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, the on May 12, 2020 the Governor renewed and extended the disaster proclamation for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Orders, Relating to the expanded reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the County Judge is designated as the Emergency Management Director of the County of Webb, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, request assistance from the governor of state resources, and access funds available for disaster relief and reimbursement at the state and federal level.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge for the County of Webb, do hereby certify that COVID-19 has created a disaster and have further determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to further respond, prevent and alleviate the further spread of COVID-19 and do hereby **ORDER**:

This **ORDER** is intended to supplement and be read consistently with The Governor's Executive Order GA-26 (incorporated herein as if set out in full, for all intents and purposes, as Exhibit A) and future orders of the Governor and to provide additional guidance to Webb County residents based on worsening local conditions.

In accordance with guidance and the minimum recommended Health Protocols issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services (<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx>), and to achieve the goals established by the Governor in "Texas Helping Texans" The Governor's Report to Open Texas. to reduce the spread of COVID-19, every person in Webb County shall minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. People over the age of 65 are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation.

Effective immediately and continuing until modified or terminated by Webb County Judge Tano E. Tijerina as specified below:

- I. Social Distancing.** All persons shall practice Social Distancing except when in the presence of only members of one's own household or residence, or when otherwise exempted by this Order. Parents and Guardians of children under 10 shall be responsible for maintaining social distance between child members of their household and others' households. For purposes of this Order, and as outlined in the Guidelines from the CDC, the DSHS Commissioner and the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas, Social Distancing Requirements include maintaining at least a six-foot distance from other individuals, and not shaking hands.
- II. Health and Safety Policy – Commercial Entities.** From the date of this Executive Order, all commercial entities in Webb County providing goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy ("Health and Safety Policy"). The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees or visitors to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible. The Health and Safety Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Executive Order may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the

transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. Commercial entities must post the Health and Safety Policy required by this Executive Order in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements. Failure to develop and implement the Health and Safety Policy required by this Executive Order within seven (7) calendar days following the Effective Date of this Order may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.

- III. Face Coverings.** Because an infected person can transmit the COVID-19 virus to others before showing any symptoms, the covering of a person's nose and mouth is necessary to help slow the spread of the virus. When leaving one's residence, all people 10 (ten) years or older must wear a cloth face covering over their nose and mouth, especially when in a public place or when patronizing any business establishment, except as otherwise set forth below. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. Residents must continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their residence.

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT OBTAIN OR WEAR MEDICAL MASKS or N-95 RESPIRATORS AS THEY ARE A NEEDED RESOURCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS. Our healthcare workers and first responders on the front-line combating COVID-19 must have priority access to medical masks or other personal protective equipment.

Face coverings do not need to be worn in the following circumstances:

- a. When alone in a separate single space, whether indoor or outdoor;
- b. While driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver;
- c. When engaged in outdoor exercise activity while alone or with only members of the same household or residence or while maintaining a consistent separation of six feet or more from others while engaging in the activity;
- d. In the presence only of other members of one's household or residence whether inside or outside the residence;
- e. When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk;
- f. While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, for example a bank;
- g. When consuming food or drink.

Parents and Guardians of children under ten years of age are responsible for appropriately masking children when outside their residence.

Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to other mitigation efforts. Face coverings are not a replacement for social distancing, frequent handwashing,

and self-isolation when sick. All people should follow CDC recommendations for how to wear and take off a mask.

Consistent with the Governor's Executive Order, a civil or criminal penalty will not be imposed on individuals for failure to wear a face covering.

IV. Hygiene. Residents must keep up the following habits:

- a. washing hands before you leave home and when you return;
- b. staying at least six feet away from others;
- c. avoiding touching nose or face;
- d. not using disposable masks more than three times; and
- e. washing reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

V. Social gatherings. Social gatherings shall be avoided or minimized. Vulnerable individuals (those over 65, who are immunocompromised, or who have underlying health conditions putting them at increased risk) shall avoid groups of more than two. Further, socializing by anyone in groups of more than 10 individuals (unless all participants are members of a single household or residence) is prohibited, except as expressly permitted by this Order or the Governor's Executive Order GA-26. All participants in lawful gatherings or groups are nonetheless subject to the required social distancing, hygiene, and face covering behaviors set forth herein and any other requirements imposed by Executive Order GA-26. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household within the household's residence. Vulnerable individuals (those over 65, who are immunocompromised, or who have underlying health conditions putting them at increased risk) shall avoid groups of more than two. Further, socializing by anyone in groups of more than 10 individuals (unless all participants are members of a single household or residence) is prohibited, except as expressly permitted by this Order or The Governor's Executive Order GA-26.

VI. Webb County Buildings. The Webb County Justice Center Complex shall have designated points of access and that all other county owned or leased buildings shall have a single controlled point of entrance. Further, all citizens and employees shall be appropriately screened before entering any Webb County owned or leased building and be asked to cover their mouth and nose for the duration of the time they are in the county building. At the control points, citizens and employees shall be asked certain risk-related questions and their temperature taken by least obtrusive means. Any individual with a temperature exceeding 100 °F or who fails the screening process will be not be allowed to enter the building. Citizens are encouraged to call the department or office you are attempting to visit prior to visiting a county owned or leased facility. All social distancing measures must be implemented at the above-described control points.

Face coverings are required to be used by all County employees at work and in all County owned and operated facilities.

VII. Antibody Testing. A number of health care providers and others have been marketing and administering COVID-19 antibody testing to consumers. If you are considering or planning an antibody test please make sure that the provider will administer an antibody test that has

been approved by the Food and Drug Administration and that you will be fully informed of the test protocol and test results. The City and County will work together to protect the community from misleading or inaccurate testing practices. Before you receive an antibody test please review FDA information and guidance which can be found on <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/letters-health-care-providers/important-information-use-serological-antibody-tests-covid-19-letter-health-care-providers>.

- VIII. Enforcement.** Excepting Section III of this Order, related to face coverings, and any limitations set forth in the Governor’s Executive Order GA 26, any peace officer or other person with lawful authority is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Executive Order in accordance with the authority granted under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975.
- IX. Severability.** The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Executive Order are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Executive Order should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.
- X. Interpretation and Additional Terms.** To the greatest extent possible, this Executive Order shall be interpreted as consistent with and supplemental to any executive orders issued by the Texas Governor. All provisions of the executive orders of the Texas Governor either existing or as, if and when issued, which are made applicable to all jurisdictions by law shall be automatically incorporated into and constitute terms of this Executive Order, enforceable as set forth herein without the necessity of the issuance of any further orders.

This **ORDER** supersedes all prior Orders. This executive order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, expires by operation of law or is superseded by the governor.

This **ORDER** applies to all areas of Webb County, including the City of Laredo, the City of Rio Bravo, the City of El Cenizo, Aguilares, Antonio Santos Subdivision, Botines Subdivision, Bruni, Colorado Acres, D-5 Acres, Four Points Subdivisions, Hillside Acres I, Hillside Acres II, La Coma Subdivision, La Presa Subdivision, Laredo Ranchettes Subdivision, Las Haciendas Unit I, Las Lomas I, Las Lomas II, Las Pilas I, Las Pilas II, Lewis Addition (Mirando), Los Altos Subdivision, Los Corralitos Subdivision, Los MInerales and Annex, Los Veteranos (US Hwy 59), Los Veteranos 83, Mirando City, Oilton, Old Milwaukee, Pueblo East, Pueblo Nuevo, Ranchitos 359 East, Ranchitos Los Arcos, Ranchitos Los Centenarios, Ranchitos Los Fresnos, Ranchitos Los Mesquites, Ranchitos Los Nopalitos, Ranchitos Los Veteranos 359, Rancho Penitas West, San Carlos I, San Carlos II, Tanquecitos I, Tanquecitos II.

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ORDERED THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE, 2020.



Tano E. Tijerina
Webb County Judge

ATTEST:
Mergie Ramirez Ibarra
Webb County Clerk



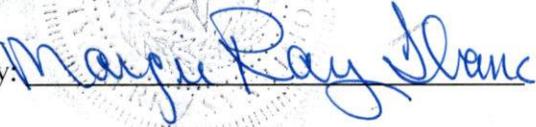
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Exhibit A
Executive Order GA 26

Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
June 3, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 26

Relating to the expanded opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Dr. John Hellerstedt, has determined that COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, I have issued executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-08 on March 19, 2020, mandating certain social-distancing restrictions for Texans in accordance with guidelines promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-14 on March 31, 2020, expanding the social-distancing restrictions for Texans based on guidance from health experts and the President; and

WHEREAS, I subsequently issued Executive Orders GA-16, GA-18, GA-21, and GA-23 over the course of April and May 2020, aiming to achieve the least restrictive means of combatting the threat to public health by continuing certain social-distancing restrictions, while implementing a safe, strategic plan to Open Texas; and

WHEREAS, as normal business operations resume, everyone must act safely, and to that end, this executive order and prior executive orders provide that all persons should follow the health protocols recommended by DSHS, which whenever achieved will mean compliance with the minimum standards for safely reopening, but which should not be used to fault those who act in good faith but can only substantially comply with the standards in light of scarce resources and other extenuating COVID-19 circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the "governor is responsible for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters" under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code,

and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility;
and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with any executive order issued during the COVID-19 disaster is an offense punishable under Section 418.173 by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, and may be subject to regulatory enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and in accordance with guidance from DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt and other medical advisors, the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas, the White House, and the CDC, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective immediately:

Every business establishment in Texas shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the total listed occupancy of the establishment; provided, however, that:

1. There is no occupancy limit for the following:
 - a. any services listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.1 or any subsequent version;
 - b. religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship;
 - c. local government operations, including county and municipal governmental operations relating to licensing (including marriage licenses), permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, as determined by the local government;
 - d. child-care services;
 - e. youth camps, including but not limited to those defined as such under Chapter 141 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and including all summer camps and other daytime and overnight camps for youths; and
 - f. recreational sports programs for youths and adults;
2. Except as provided below by paragraph number 5, this 50 percent occupancy limit does not apply to outdoor areas, events, or establishments, except that the following outdoor areas or outdoor venues shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the owner:
 - a. professional, collegiate, or similar sporting events;
 - b. swimming pools;
 - c. water parks;
 - d. museums and libraries;
 - e. zoos, aquariums, natural caverns, and similar facilities; and
 - f. rodeos and equestrian events;
3. This 50 percent occupancy limit does not apply to the following establishments that operate with at least six feet of social distancing between work stations:
 - a. cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade;
 - b. massage establishments and other facilities where licensed massage therapists or other persons licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under Chapter 455 of the Texas Occupations Code practice their trade; and
 - c. other personal-care and beauty services such as tanning salons, tattoo studios, piercing studios, hair removal services, and hair loss treatment

and growth services;

4. Amusement parks and carnivals shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the owner, except that in counties with more than 1,000 cumulative cases of COVID-19, amusement parks may not begin operating until 12:01 a.m. on June 19, 2020;
5. For any outdoor gathering estimated to be in excess of 500 people, other than those set forth above in paragraph numbers 1, 2, or 4, the county judge or mayor, as appropriate, in consultation with the local public health authority, may impose additional restrictions;
6. For dine-in services by restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages, the occupancy limit shall increase at 12:01 a.m. on June 12, 2020, to permit such restaurants to operate at up to 75 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant;
7. For indoor bars and similar indoor establishments that are not restaurants as defined above and that hold a permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, only those customers who are seated may be served;
8. For any business establishment that is subject to a 50 percent "total listed occupancy" limit or "normal operating limit," and that is in a county that has filed with DSHS, and is in compliance with, the requisite attestation form promulgated by DSHS regarding minimal cases of COVID-19, the business establishment may operate at up to 75 percent of the total listed occupancy or normal operating limit of the establishment starting 12:01 a.m. on June 12, 2020;
9. For purposes of this executive order, facilities with retractable roofs are considered indoor facilities, whether the roof is opened or closed; and
10. Staff members are not included in determining operating levels, except for manufacturing services and office workers.

Except as provided in this executive order or in the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus, people should not be in groups larger than ten and should maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group. People over the age of 65 are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation.

In providing or obtaining services, every person (including individuals, businesses, and other legal entities) should use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS. Nothing in this executive order or the DSHS minimum standards precludes requiring a customer to follow additional hygiene measures when obtaining services. Individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings, but no jurisdiction can impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering.

People shall not visit nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities unless as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities should follow infection control policies and practices set forth by HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the governor may by proclamation add to the list of establishments or venues that people shall avoid visiting.

For the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, public schools may resume operations for the summer as provided by, and under the minimum standard health protocols found in, guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Private schools and institutions of higher education are encouraged to establish similar standards. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, schools may conduct graduation ceremonies consistent with the minimum standard health protocols found in guidance issued by TEA.

This executive order shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster, but only to the extent that such a local order restricts services allowed by this executive order, allows gatherings prohibited by this executive order, or expands the list or scope of services as set forth in this executive order. Pursuant to Section 418.016(a) of the Texas Government Code, I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions in response to the COVID-19 disaster that are inconsistent with this executive order, provided that local officials may enforce this executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order.

All existing state executive orders relating to COVID-19 are amended to eliminate confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating the executive orders. To the extent any order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster would allow confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating a COVID-19-related order, that order allowing confinement in jail is superseded, and I hereby suspend all relevant laws to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not confine people in jail for violating any executive order or local order issued in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

This executive order supersedes Executive Order GA-23, but does not supersede Executive Orders GA-10, GA-13, GA-17, GA-19, GA-20, GA-24, or GA-25. This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor. This executive order may also be amended by proclamation of the governor.



Given under my hand this the 3rd
day of June, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Ruth R. Hughs in black ink.

RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State