

**CHEROKEE COUNTY
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December of 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread throughout the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness. In some cases the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, the continued spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Cherokee County; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Small Business Association (SBA) has designated COVID-19 as a qualifying event for the provision of Economic Injury Disaster Loans for businesses and private non-profits in affected communities; and

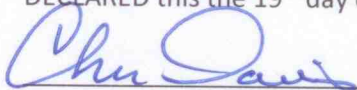
WHEREAS, this Declaration activates the County's Emergency Management plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Cherokee County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency;

THEREFORE, be it Proclaimed by the County Judge of Cherokee County that;

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Cherokee County, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. The state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Cherokee County Commissioners Court, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.
3. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be file promptly with the County Clerk pursuant to 418,018(b) of the Texas Government Code.
4. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Cherokee County Emergency Plan, pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Texas Government Code.
5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this the 19th day of March 2020,



Chris Davis, County Judge

FILED
at 3:30 o'clock p M.

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LAVERNE LUSK
CLERK, COUNTY COURT CHEROKEE CO., TX
BY _____ DEPUTY