

## A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, beginning December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, shortness of breath, and loss of taste or smell. In some cases, the virus has caused death; and

**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Killeen, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, including promoting individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Killeen area has seen a significant increase in active COVID-19 cases to include a rise in hospitalized cases increasing the need for personal protective equipment (PPE),

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE CITY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS:

- That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Killeen, Texas pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- That pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the 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 extended by the City Council of Killeen, Texas.
- 3. That pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
- 4. That pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Killen emergency management plan and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under this declaration.
- 5. That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including, but not limited to, the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, testing stations, vaccination stations, emergency hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules and directives.

- 6. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
- 7. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, and upon approval of the City Council, shall continue in effect until terminated by the Mayor. Pursuant to the declaration, additional directives may be issued by the Mayor at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED this the 19th day of Curyust, 2021

Jose L. Segarfa City of Killeen Mayor

Filed with me, the City Secretary of the City of Killeen, on this 4 day of August , 2021, by Mayor Jose L. Segarra.

Lucy C. Aldrich City Secretary