Order amending and Extending the EMERGENCY ORDER INSTITUTING ADDITIONAL MEASURES DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

Whereas, on April 2, 2020 pursuant to Texas Government Code 418.108 La Salle County Commissioners Court issued order Shelter at Home Order due to imminent threat arising from the coronavisus (COVID-19) and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108 LaSalle County Judge Joel Rodriguez issued a Declaration of Local disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 27, 2020, due to the imminent threat arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 4418.108(b), the Commissioners Court of LaSalle County issued an order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the LaSalle county Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the consent of the Commissioners Court authorizes the LaSalle County Judge to continue to exercise powers granted under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020 Judge Rodriguez issued an order in furtherance of his authority under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code to protect the overall health, safety and welfare of the public by showing the spread of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the spread of the virus and the updated recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services warrant the April 2, 2020 Order of the County Judge Joel Rodriguez be amended to include recommendations by Governor Abbot's phase in plan to authorize restaurants and retail establishments, churches and places of worship to reopen provided they follow his outlined recommendations.

WHEREAS, the county Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures are necessary to be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and facilitate a cooperative response amongst the citizens of LaSalle County.

THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT of 1975, LaSalle County Judge Joel Rodriguez hereby issues this AMENDED TO THE EXISTING ORDER as follows:

TO INCLUDE THE GOVERNOR PLAN TO INCLUDE:

The following services and activities may open under Phase 1.

- Retail Stores, Restaurants, Movie Theaters, and malls (May 1) at 25%

- Museums and libraries (May 1) 25%
- Churches and places of worship (May 1) 25%
- County and Local Government (as determined by the local government)

These businesses will not proceed to 50% occupancy until the County has certified to the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES that there has been sufficient testing for the COVID-19 testing.

The following services and activities may open under Phase II.

- Child Care Centers (May 18)
- Massage and Personal-Care Centers (May 18)
- Youth Clubs (May 18)
- Rodeo and Equestrian Events (May 22)
- Bowling Alleys, Bingo Halls, Simulcast Racing, and Skating Rinks (May 22)
- Bars (May 22)
- Aquariums and Natural Caverns (May 22)
- Zoos (May 29)
- Day Youth Camps (May 31)
- Overnight Youth Camps (May 31)
- Youth Sports
- Certain professional sports without in-person spectators (May 31)

Door to Door solicitation is still prohibited including salesmen, insurance, political workers.

Amusement Game rooms unless operated as Texas Licensed Restaurant or Bar shall remain closed.

Hotels and Motels should comply with the Gym and Restaurant rules and procedures set by the Governor: The Hotel/Motel Gym should only be open to patrons; Hotel/motel Restaurant, buffet or other food services should be to the hotel/motel patrons only and seating be in compliance with that state rules and procedures. Any buffet service should be served with staff wearing masks and any patron at a buffet should wear a mask when serving themselves.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 418.173, A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY VIOLATES THIS ORDER COMMITS AN OFFENSE PUNISHIBLE BY A FINE UP TO $500.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES, MITIGATION PROCEDURES AND RESPONSE PLANS TO THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. CAPTIAN SEAN WALLACE, EMT FIREMAN IS THE DESIGNATED PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERFOR

THE COUNTY OF LA SALLE (830-202-4322) IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LA SALLE ORDER ANY ANY OTHER LOCAL ORDER THE COUNTY ORDER WILL SUPERCEDE THE LOCAL ORDER.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SIGNED MY NAME AND HAVE OFFICIALLY CAUSED THE COUNTY SEAL TO BE AFFIXED AT MY OFFICE IN THE COUNTY OF LA SALLE THIS 22TH DAY OF May 2020. EFFECTIVE UPON SIGNITURE AND LASTING UNTIL MIDNIGHT June 2, 2020.

COUNTY JUDGE JOEL RODRIGUEZ
LA SALLE COUNTY JUDGE

FILED FOR RECORD
At 4:55 o'clock P. M.

MAY 22 2020

MARGARITA A. ESQUEDA
COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
LA SALLE COUNTY, TEXAS
BY Sonia Maldonado DEPUTY