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Becky Ivey, County Clerk
Johnson County Texas
By MA Deputy

**COUNTY OF JOHNSON, TEXAS
SECOND AMENDMENT TO COUNTY JUDGE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE
OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EFFECTIVE 6:00 PM
MARCH 3, 2021**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code § 418.108, Johnson County Judge Roger Harmon issued a Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 19, 2020, in response to the imminent threat of widespread illness From COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Local State of Disaster declared on March 19, 2020 has remained in place continuously since such date; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott, on April 17, 2020 suspended 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 were inconsistent with the Governor's executive orders; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott, on June 17, 2020, states that local governments can require stores and businesses to require masks; and

WHEREAS, I, Johnson County Judge Roger Harmon, on June 26, 2020, issued an Order requiring all entities in Johnson County, including sole proprietorships, providing goods or services directly to the public to develop and implement a health and safety policy to help stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott, on July 2, 2020 issued Executive Order GA-29 which requires individuals to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth in certain circumstances to help slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there currently still exists a declaration of public health disaster in and for the State of Texas as declared by Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and locally by the approval of the Sixth Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency issued and renewed by Commissioners Court action on July 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Order issued on June 26, 2020 was extended by Order on July 6, 2020, July 7, 2020 and extended July 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-34 (GA-34) substantially modifying restrictions on businesses and other establishments located throughout the state and limiting the regulatory authority of local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County is currently not in an area with high hospitalizations as defined in GA-34.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, be it **Proclaimed** and **ORDERED** that upon my signature below, the Executive Order issued on July 7, 2020, is hereby **TERMINATED**, effective immediately, and I hereby further **ORDER** the following:

1. Entities in Johnson County providing goods or services to the public are no longer **required** to implement a health and safety policy that at a minimum requires that face coverings be worn on the entity's business premises; and
2. Nothing in this Executive Order precludes businesses or other establishments from requiring employees or customers to follow additional hygiene measures, including the wearing of a face covering.

DECLARED THIS 3RD DAY OF MARCH, 2021

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to read "Roger Harmon" and is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

**ROGER HARMON
JOHNSON COUNTY JUDGE**