



**CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT  
PROCLAMATION  
EXTENDING DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and County Judge Bill Magers has declared a state of disaster and public health emergency for Grayson County; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the county and municipal levels; and

WHEREAS, Grayson County and the City of Whitewright have already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Whitewright; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in the City of Whitewright will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jamie Lawrence, Mayor of the City of Whitewright, Grayson County, Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an immediate threat of disaster to the City of Whitewright.

In accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, I hereby declare a state of disaster and public health emergency for the City of Whitewright.

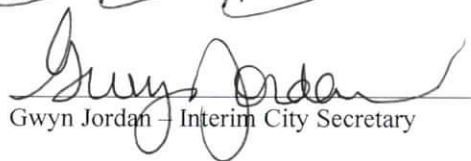
Furthermore, consistent with guidance with the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), I recommend the postponement or cancellation of all public gatherings greater than 10 people.

This declaration shall take effect immediately from its issuance and shall continue for a period of not more than seven days unless continued or renewed by the City Council of Whitewright, Texas.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, this declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Interim City Secretary of the City of Whitewright.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Jamie Lawrence - Mayor

  
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Gwyn Jordan - Interim City Secretary

