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**ORDER OF THE COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
EXTENDING A DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO A
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

DATE ORDER ISSUED: March 19th, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued to allow El Paso County to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of El Paso County residents; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, there were three COVID-19 presumptive positive tests confirmed in El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period in excess of seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the condition necessitating declaration of a state of disaster continues to exist.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That the local state of disaster proclaimed for the County of El Paso by the County Judge on March 13, 2020 shall continue until terminated by order by the El Paso County Commissioners Court.

ORDERED this the 19th day of March 2020, in the County of El Paso, Texas.

[Signatures on following page]

THE COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

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Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge

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