



EIGHTH ORDER - DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
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WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization ("WHO") declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020 and Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO's Director-General, declared the COVID-19 can be characterized as a worldwide pandemic on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108 (Texas Disaster Act of 1975), Kendall County Judge Darrel L. Lux issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, I, Darrel L. Lux, Kendall County Judge, have issued several orders relating to and subsequent to the disaster declaration on March 16, 2020, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for Kendall County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order reopening certain businesses in Texas for in-person services so long as certain workplace safety rules are followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a Proclamation Amending paragraph 5 of Executive Order 26 reducing the number of outdoor gatherings from 500 to 100 that Mayors and County Judges can impose additional restrictions on; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020 Governor Abbott announced that the State of Texas will pause any further phases to reopen Texas as the state responds to the recent increase in positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020 Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-27 postponing all surgeries and procedures that are not medically necessary to diagnose or correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of a patient in four (4) counties in Texas that currently have high rates of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Kendall County Community and rates of infection are increasing at an alarming rate and the number of people ending up in the hospital, ICU, or on ventilators is also dramatically rising despite efforts by local authorities to control the spread; and

WHEREAS, this Order is necessary to stress the importance to EVERYONE that it is time to unite to protect the lives, health and financial welfare of Kendall County and the State of Texas. It seems as though every day we take a step backward towards devastation instead of forward towards prosperity.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Darrel L. Lux, County Judge of Kendall County, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and in accordance with guidance from the Kendall County Health Authority as well as additional input from medical, business and government staff as well as other Elected Officials in Kendall County, do here by Order as follows:

- I. Effective Friday, July 3, 2020 at 12:01 AM, Joshua Springs Park, James Kiehl Riverbend Park, Comfort Park, and Kreuzberg Canyon Natural Area shall be closed and may reopen at 12:01 AM on Monday, July 6.
- II. Effective Friday, July 3, 2020 at 12:01 AM, River crossings at state and county roads are closed to the public and may reopen at 12:01 AM on Monday, July 6. This Emergency Order does not prevent private land owners from accessing the river adjacent or within their property.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of July, 2020.



Darrel L. Lux
Kendall County Judge