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RESOLUTION NO. 20-#16,429

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS,
GRANTING AID TO DISASTER VICTIMS WHO HAVE CONTRACTED COVID-19:**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Trump acknowledged the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people’s interactions, including that Americans should avoid groups of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath, and in some cases, the virus causes death. COVID-19 is easily transmitted through person to person contact, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety.

WHEREAS, the Hunt County Commissioners Court declared a state of emergency on March 16, 2020, and County Judge Stovall issued an Order on that same day; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 County Judge Stovall and the Hunt County Commissioners Court amended the County’s Disaster Resolution and included an order that all resident of Hunt County shelter in place of their residence. On April 3, 2020, the Commissioners Court approved a similar Resolution, extending the shelter in place order through April 17, 2020, and on April 14, 2020 the Commissioners Court approved another similar Resolution, further extending the shelter in place order through April 30, 2020, which has been extended and/or amended at each Commissioners Court regular session meeting since that time; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Governor Abbott extended his order relating to continuity of essential services and activities during the COVID-19 disaster (Executive Order GA-14) until at least April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the commissioner of the Texas Department of State and Health Services (DSHS), Dr. John Hellerstedt, has determined COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, residents of Hunt County have contracted COVID-19 which have resulted in quarantine, hospitalization, and in some cases even death; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Hunt County who have contracted COVID-19 and members of their immediate household have been financially impacted by the virus; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance from other sources, including this state and the federal government, is unavailable or inadequate for COVID-19 victims of Hunt County and their immediate members of their household; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Hunt County has implemented policies and procedures (Exhibit A, attached) to ensure that funds granted under this resolution are used for the public purpose of providing disaster relief for emergency food, shelter, transportation, or other items or services necessary for public health and safety to victims of COVID-19 and members of their immediate household who are adversely affected by the disaster;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Hunt County wishes to grant aid to disaster victims under Section 130.910 of the Local Government Code, to be administered through Hunt County Shared Ministries, to ensure emergency expenses for essential needs of COVID-19 victims and members of their immediate household. The Commissioners Court initially took action on April 28, 2020, and provided \$25,000 for that effort, with an additional \$25,000 approved at a later Court meeting on June 23, 2020. Much of that money has been spent, and the Commissioners wish to add an additional \$25,000 to that fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: Findings Incorporated. The findings recited above are incorporated as if fully set forth in the body of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: Ratification. The Commissioners Court of Hunt County hereby finds that financial assistance from state and federal government is unavailable or inadequate for victims who have contracted COVID-19. To provide for emergency food, shelter, transportation, or other items or services necessary for public health and safety, the Commissioners Court will provide money from the general fund to be administered through Hunt County Shared Ministries for emergency expenses of rent, monthly mortgage payments, utilities, and food for residents of Hunt County who have contracted COVID-19 and their immediate members of their household who have been negatively affected. The money shall be administered through the attached Policies and Procedures. By this ordinance, the maximum amount of funding approved to date will be \$75,000.

SECTION 3: Ending Date. This Resolution shall remain in effect until December 31, 2020.

SECTION 4: Effective Dates. This Resolution shall be in force and effect immediately upon final passage until the ending date, and it is so resolved.

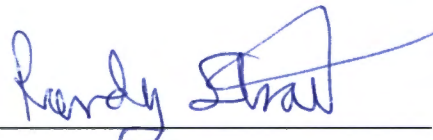
PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS on this the 16th day of October, 2020.



County Judge



Precinct 1 Commissioner



Precinct 2 Commissioner

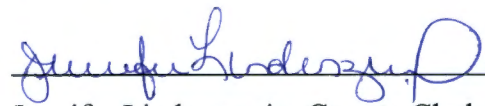


Precinct 3 Commissioner



Precinct 4 Commissioner

ATTEST:



Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk

