## DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ISSUED JUNE 24, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Prairie, I declared a Public Health Emergency in the City of Prairie View due to the novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, such declaration was extended by the City Council of the City of Prairie View through May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, such extension has now expired; and

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Prairie View Community and rates of infection are increasing at an alarming exponential rate despite efforts by local authorities to control the spread; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of local, state and national government is dependent on how we respond when serious illness and fatality rates demand extreme measures be taken to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, I, David Allen, the Mayor of the City of Prairie View, Texas have determined that further extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW:

- 1. That a local state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Prairie View, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- 2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster and public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council.
- 3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.
- 4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency continues activation of the City of Prairie View emergency management plan.
- 5. The City Secretary is directed to give prompt and general publicity of the issuance of this DECLARATION.
- 6. This Revised declaration shall take effect immediately.

7. As Mayor, I further reserve all other authority and powers conferred by state law to respond as necessary to this situation.

**ORDERED** this 24th day of June, 2020.

MAYOR DAVID ALLEN

City of Prairie View, Texas

