

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak should be characterized as pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Greg Abbott, the Governor of the State of Texas, issued a proclamation that declared COVID-19 as an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Governor has issued multiple Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order generally opening all businesses in the state at 50% capacity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of San Antonio, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public health observation, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated, request assistance from the governor of state resources, and access funds available for disaster relief and reimbursement at the state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, I, Ron Nirenberg, the Mayor of the City of San Antonio have determined that 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 PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

- 1. That the local state of disaster and public health emergency declared for the City of San Antonio remains in place until otherwise withdrawn or rescinded.
- 2. All prior Declarations, orders and emergency measures are superseded by this most recent Declaration.

- 3. By this Declaration, I declare the adoption of Executive Order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott dated June 3, 2020, and any subsequent orders by the Governor relating to the expanded opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.
- 4. By this Declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the incident, and authorize the City Manager to exercise all emergency powers as are available to address this emergency.
- 5. As Mayor, I reserve all other authority and powers conferred by state law to respond as necessary to this situation.
- 6. This Declaration shall be effective until 11:59 PM on June 11, 2020, unless extended by City Council.

ORDERED this 4th day of June, 2020.

MAYOR RON NIRENBERG City of San Antonio, Texas 20 JUN -4 PM 5: 59