



DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, COVID-19 (coronavirus) is a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020 due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas declared a State of Disaster in Texas on March 13, 2020 due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is releasing an alarmingly substantial number of immigrants into the City of McAllen, Texas, including individuals that are positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, local Non-Governmental Organizations, including the Catholic Charities' Humanitarian Respite Center (HRC) are overwhelmed with the unanticipated influx of individuals and can no longer adequately feed, house, provide medical attention or otherwise accommodate the individuals being released into the City of McAllen; and

WHEREAS, due to recent increases in number of released immigrants and the potential for even greater numbers to come, immigrants being released into the City of McAllen may face inadequate access to medical care, shelter and other humanitarian necessities including food and water; and

WHEREAS, immigration is under the purview of the federal government and is not under state, county or municipal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, McAllen, Texas is consistently ranked the safest city in Texas and seventh safest city in the country, and endeavors to maintain its exceptional level of safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the humanitarian needs of the immigrants released into the City of McAllen, Texas, including individuals that are positive for COVID-19,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF McALLEN, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of McAllen, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Commission of McAllen, Texas

3. Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the city emergency management plan and all procedures and authority vested in the Emergency Management Office are invoked.

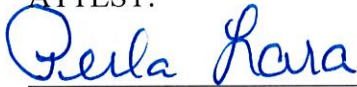
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 2nd day of August 2021.



JAVIER VILLALOBOS
Mayor of McAllen, Texas

ATTEST:



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary

