

**CITY OF THE HILLS, TEXAS  
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER  
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

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

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order reflecting Federal guidance to stop the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the City of The Hills, Texas, is following Federal, State and local guidance to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our residents in complying with the extraordinary measures noted in the Federal, State and local guidelines to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF THE HILLS, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** With the best interest of our entire community, and with the goal of proactively having a declaration in place for the unknown and unforeseen potential circumstances that may require access to additional resources which may otherwise only be available in communities where a Disaster Declaration exists, I hereby put forth this Disaster Declaration for the City of The Hills.

**SECTION 2.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of The Hills, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 3.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of The Hills, Texas.

**SECTION 4.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

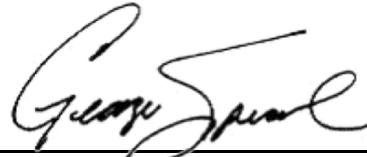
**SECTION 5.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of The Hills, Texas, emergency management plan.

**SECTION 6.** That this declaration authorizes the City to take actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus.

**SECTION 7.** That this declaration hereby incorporates the Executive Order issued by the Governor of the State of Texas on March 19, 2020, and subsequent amendments to the Order;

**SECTION 8.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**DECLARED this 19th day of March, 2020.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Spencer", written over a horizontal line.

George Spencer, Mayor  
City of The Hills, Texas