



## DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has already taken numerous steps to prepare for COVID-19, including coordinating preparedness efforts across state agencies, and working with local partners to promote appropriate mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes and presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency measures be taken; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Penitas has 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;

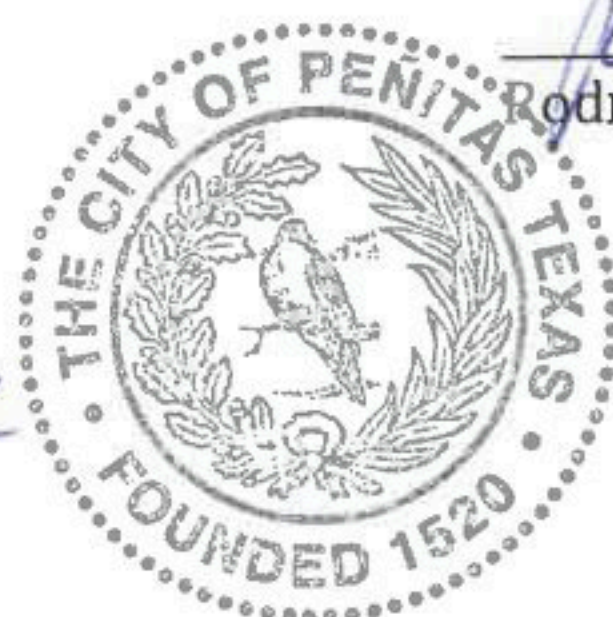
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PENITAS:

1. That a state of disaster is declared for the City of Penitas;
2. That the City's Emergency Management Plan has been activated; and
3. That this Local State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date hereof, unless continued or extended by consent of the City Council of the City of Penitas, Texas; and
4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

Ana M. Valdez, City Secretary



Rodrigo "Rigo" Lopez