

## DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization classified the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS** on March 13, 2020, President of the United States Donald J. Trump declared the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and,

**WHEREAS** Governor J. Kevin Stitt issued Executive Order 2020-07 on March 15, 2020, as amended on March 17, 2020, declaring an emergency for all 77 Oklahoma counties caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public's peace, health, and safety; and,

**WHEREAS** Governor J. Kevin Stitt issued Executive Order 2020-08 on March 17, 2020, urging Oklahomans to follow *The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America*, which includes the recommendation to avoid gatherings in groups of more than ten (10) people; and,

**WHEREAS** declarations of local states of emergency have been issued by numerous counties and municipalities across the State of Oklahoma; and,

**WHEREAS**, although there are no reported cases of COVID-19 in Tillman County, Oklahoma at this time, because of the potential for rapid community spread, immediate attention is required to protect public health, reduce further damage, ensure public safety and render emergency relief; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Tillman County, Oklahoma do find that the aforementioned conditions constitute a threat to the safety and welfare of Tillman County, and create an emergency disaster situation within the meaning of Section 683.3 of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003, as amended; and,

**WHEREAS**, immediate attention is required to protect public health, reduce further damage, ensure public safety and render emergency relief; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Tillman County, do hereby proclaim and declare Tillman County, Oklahoma to be a disaster area, entitled to aid, relief and assistance and do hereby direct the implementation of the City/County Emergency Operations Plan.

It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of each person, whether they are members of the general public or are employees of Tillman County. Therefore, the courthouse will be closed to the public for a period of thirty (30) days.

The general public is encouraged to contact the County office in which they need to conduct business to determine whether a trip to the courthouse is necessary.

Any employee exhibiting signs of illness are required to stay home until they are fever-free, without medication, for a period of twenty-four (24) hours. If an employee is symptomatic of COVID-19


and has been exposed to the virus, they are to self-quarantine for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days.


This is a fluid situation and more restrictive measures may need to be taken in the future.

This proclamation shall expire on April 22, 2020, unless otherwise extended by the Board of County Commissioners of Tillman County.

This Proclamation shall become effective immediately this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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