

**RATIFICATION AND CONTINUATION OF THE APRIL 30, 2020
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER SIGNED BY THE MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the undersigned Mayor signed a Declaration of Local Disaster in response to the Covid-19 Epidemic setting out certain restrictions on social gathering and the operation of businesses; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 the City Council extended the Declaration of Disaster through an Ordinance, passed on emergency, that set restrictions on businesses and social gatherings into law; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-18 to begin reopening Texas wherein guidelines and rules were set that completely restrict municipalities ability to regulate under an emergency order; and

WHEREAS, the City's Ordinance Declaring and Emergency and setting certain rules expires on April 30, 2020, at the same time as the Governor's Order; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Seguin has determined that as the City of Seguin begins to reopen its commerce extraordinary measures must still be taken to 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; and,

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Seguin signed a Declaration of Local Disaster in order to assist in effectively and safely reopening Seguin businesses by continuing the activation of Seguin's Emergency Management Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SEGUIN, TEXAS:

PART ONE. The April 30, 2020, Declaration of Disaster signed by the Mayor of Seguin, Texas is hereby approved, ratified and continued in full.

PART TWO. The Declaration of Disaster shall continue until either repealed by the City Council; or until the issues, both health and economic, tied to the COVID-19 pandemic have dissipated and the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Texas have lifted all related emergency orders.

SIGNED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of May 2020.

DON KEIL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Naomi Manski, City Secretary