

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2021, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a Proclamation declaring an Emergency due to the imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow and freezing rain; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 2021, the President of the United States issued a Declaration of Emergency for all 254 Texas Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, extremely cold temperatures and record snow and ice accumulation on the streets in the City of Seguin have created dangerous conditions making travel difficult, closing most businesses and creating hazardous conditions for the City's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the extreme cold temperatures are forecasted to continue through Thursday, February 18, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the extremely cold temperatures exist statewide and have stressed the ability of ERCOT to provide sufficient power to the State's electricity grid causing requests urging citizens to conserve power in order to limit rolling brownouts; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic on March 16, 2020, the Governor, at the request of the Texas Attorney General, suspended several provisions of the Texas Open Meetings laws to allow governmental entities to meet virtually in order to conduct business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has periodically extended the open meeting exemptions, along with other COVID-19 emergency directives, with the last extension occurring on February 4, 2021 continuing through March 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, DONNA DODGEN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE:**

**SECTION 1.** That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Declaration are found to be true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** That a state of disaster exists for the City of Seguin.

**SECTION 3.** That this declaration of local disaster takes effect immediately and remains in effect for the next seven days, unless terminated earlier.

**SECTION 4.** That this declaration directs the City Manager to activate the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans; authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance, as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering the plans, and activates the preparedness and response aspects of the plans.

**SECTION 5.** That the February 16, 2021, virtual and public meeting of the Seguin City Council as posted on February 12, 2021, shall be postponed and reposted for February 23, 2021; and

**SECTION 6.** This Declaration shall be promptly filed with the City Secretary and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

**SO DECLARED AND ORDERED** this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

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DONNA DODGEN, MAYOR