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**DISASTER DECLARATION
AND
EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE DENTON COUNTY JUDGE
Andy Eads EO-22-09-01**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Denton County Judge Andy Eads issued the first Executive Order on March 13, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, County Commissioners have renewed and extended the initial Executive Order and Disaster Declarations to maintain the safety and security of the public while working to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the authority of Texas Governor Greg Abbott through the use of his Executive Orders to protect Texas from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott, on or about April 27, 2020, expressed that local officials cannot require individuals to wear masks to ensure that individual liberty is not infringed upon by government; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott, on June 17, 2020, stated that local governments can require stores and businesses to require masks; and on July 2, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-29 that requires wearing masks; and on March 2, 2021 Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-34 strongly encouraging the wearing of masks but prohibiting any jurisdiction from mandating the wearing of a mask effective March 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an innovative response is required to mitigate the future spread of COVID-19 to protect the citizens and businesses of Denton County and all incorporated and unincorporated areas; and

THEREFORE, the May 24, 2022, Executive Order of the Denton County Commissioners Court is hereby CONTINUED as follows:

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, DENTON COUNTY JUDGE ANDY EADS AND DENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDERS:

Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on September 01, 2022, this Disaster Declaration shall continue through November 29, 2022, by Order of the Denton County Commissioners Court unless rescinded by the County Judge, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code:

1. The Denton County Emergency Operations Plan and the Denton County Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Plan shall remain activated through the end of the COVID-19 disaster.

2. As allowed by Local Government Code 262.024, exempt bidding requirements for the purpose of purchasing items necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county. This exemption shall remain in effect until a time when the Disaster Declaration is lifted.
3. As allowed by Denton County Policy, this order shall extend the Incentive Pay Program for Detention Officers at a rate of double time for overtime, due to COVID-19, with the 207K Exemption under FLSA, this shall be extended through October 07, 2022.
4. On March 31, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order GA-14 which superseded any local Disaster Declaration. Any restriction imposed after that date was made by the Governor, not Denton County. Nothing in this Order is intended to impose restrictions inconsistent with Order GA-32, GA-34 through GA-40 or any other subsequent order issued by the Governor in effect relating to COVID-19. Please visit www.gov.texas.gov/news to read the current Executive Orders of the Governor.
5. The County of Denton must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on dentoncounty.gov. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

The purpose of this Order is for emergency protective measures, mitigation procedures and response plans to the current public health emergency;

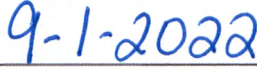
Adopted, this the 1st day of September 2022:



ANDY EADS, COUNTY JUDGE



JULI LUKE, COUNTY CLERK



Date