



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FINANCIAL  
RELIEF FOR HAYS COUNTY TAXPAYER**

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF HAYS       §

**WHEREAS,** On March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

**WHEREAS,** On March 19, 2020, Governor Abbott ordered every person in Texas to avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; and

**WHEREAS,** On March 31, 2020, Governor Abbott ordered every person in Texas to further minimize social gatherings and in-person contact except when necessary to provide or obtain essential services through April 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** Non-essential businesses across Hays County have diligently complied with the order to slow the spread of COVID-19 despite experiencing losses of revenue that jeopardize the livelihood of their businesses and employees. As a result, more than 760,000 Texans statewide applied for unemployment insurance in the month of March, a number greater by 60,000 than the total number of similar application in the year 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Local government has paused many of its revenue-generating operations to comply with social distancing; and

**WHEREAS,** Hays County has consistently set property tax rates at the lowest possible level so that its constituents may lead an affordable, high-quality lifestyle.

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HAYS  
COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:**

On this 28th day of April, 2020, Hays County Commissioners Court implores Governor Greg Abbott, Comptroller Glenn Hegar, the Texas Legislature, and the Hays Central Appraisal District to take all necessary action to provide any and all tax relief to the businesses and constituents of Hays County & the State of Texas during this State of Disaster. These actions should include the following: Calling a special legislative session or taking appropriate executive action to consider measures to ease the economic burdens and financial hardship Texans are experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Ruben Becerra**  
Hays County Judge

**Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe**  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

**Lon A. Shell**  
Commissioner, Pct. 3

**Mark Jones**  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

**Walt Smith**  
Commissioner, Pct. 4

**ATTEST:**

**Elaine H. Cárdenas, MBA, PhD**  
Hays County Clerk