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Resolution 2021-17
Declaration of Local State of Disaster
and Order Regarding Invasion

Whereas, on April 21, 2021, Terrell County issued a Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to imminent threat caused by human trafficking and asylum seekers invading our border with Mexico and the elevated risk of exposure to contagious diseases, including unknown variants of COVID-19; and

Whereas, the health, safety, and property of the residents of Terrell County continue to remain under an imminent threat of disaster from the human trafficking and cartel activity occurring on our border counties with Mexico. This continual violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Texas has resulted in thousands of illegal aliens invading border counties and overwhelming local government resources and law enforcement. Terrell County residents continue to sustain property damage and are threatened with imminent harm by continual invasion of illegal aliens; and

Whereas, Terrell County has experienced illegal aliens, women being found dead after human trafficking, asylum applicants, and or migrants entering the county most are unvaccinated for COVID-19, untested for COVID-19, and COVID-19 positive; and

Whereas, on May 10, 2021, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health advised the Secretary of State of Texas that he had, for the entire State of Texas, issued "A declaration of a Public Health Disaster Declaration, stating that the novel coronavirus(SAR-CoV-2, that causes the disease COVID-19) continues to present an immediate threat, poses a high risk of death to a large number of people and creates a substantial risk of

public exposure because of the disease's method of transmission and evidence that there is community spread in Texas"; and

Whereas, as reported by BPR Business and Politics on August 12, 2021, up to 40% of migrants who have illegally entered the United States are positive for COVID-19 virus; and

Whereas, as reported by Axios on September 30, 2021, Panama's Foreign Minister, Erika Mouynes, warned that 60,000+ immigrants are traveling from South America towards the Texas border with the intent of illegally entering the United States; and

Whereas, the County Judge of Terrell County, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the county's residents against the invasion of persons illegally entering the United States and violating the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Texas; and

Whereas, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the County Judge is designated as the Emergency Management Director of the County of Terrell and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF TERRELL COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Terrell County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That this declaration hereby requests the Governor to utilize all authority granted under Article 4, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution and Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution.
3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, the declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Terrell County emergency management plan.
4. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Terrell County Commissioners' Court shall continue in

