IN THE COUNTY COURT OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS JUNE 29, 2020

DIRECTIVE NO. 7



IN RE:

MASS GATHERINGS OF PEOPLE FOR NON-ESSENTIAL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 Upshur County issued a Declaration of Local Disaster which Declaration of Local Disaster was continued indefinitely by order of the Commissioners Court dated March 23, 2020, pursuant to the provisions contained within Section 418 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Hon. Greg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas, did issue Executive Order No. GA 28 on June 26, 2020 in response to the resurgence of the deadly COVID-19 virus, which executive order prohibited gatherings in excess of 100 people unless the Mayor of the City in which the gathering is to be held, or the County Judge in the case of any gathering in an unincorporated area, approves of any such gathering or gatherings, only if the same can be made safe from COVID-19 with further certain conditions or restrictions not inconsistent with the Governor's orders; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the County Judge of Upshur County, Texas, upon advice and recommendation of the Upshur County COVID Committee, the Hon. Tim Marshall, Mayor of the City of Gilmer, Texas, and after notice to the Executive Committee of the Yamboree Board of Directors, that at the present time that neither the July 4 fireworks show nor the

festivities planned for the Upshur County Yamboree would meet any exception to the Governor's orders on the prohibition of mass gatherings in excess of 100 people.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, ORDERED, AND DIRECTED by the County Judge of Upshur County, Texas and the Mayor of the City of Gilmer, Texas that any outdoor gatherings in excess of 100 people are prohibited, unless the proposed gathering is specifically authorized by the County Judge in the case of any gathering of an incorporated area of Upshur County, Texas, or is specifically authorized by the Mayor of the City of Gilmer, Texas in the case of any proposed gathering which is to occur within the city limits of Gilmer, Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DIRECTED that a copy of Executive Order No. GA 28 be published on the Upshur County website and on the City of Gilmer website so that the citizens of our County and City may know exactly what is required of them.

Further, IT IS RESOLVED, ORDERED and DIRECTED that the failure of any person to comply with this Order and Directive commits a Class B misdemeanor punishment by confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days and/or the imposition of a fine not in excess of \$1,000.00.

DONE and **ORDERED** this 29th day of June, 2020 at ______ o'clock .m.

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Upshur County Judge

Tim Marshall

Mayor, City of Gilmer, Texas

This document is ORDERED filed with the Upshur County Clerk and published in all media outlets and posted on Upshur County's website and on the website of the City of Gilmer, Texas.