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Governor Perry Issues Disaster Proclamation for Swine Influenza

April 29, 2009

I, RICK PERRY, Governor of Texas, do hereby certify that as a consequence of confirmed cases of Swine Influenza A (swH1N1) in certain parts of Texas, a public health emergency exists throughout the entire State of Texas involving Swine Influenza A that threatens or has significant potential to threaten the health, safety and security of the citizens of Texas.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster based on the existence of such threat, and direct that all necessary measures both public and private as authorized under Section 418.017 of the code be implemented to meet that threat.

As provided in Section 418.016 of the code, all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the threat.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my Office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 29th day of April, 2009.

RICK PERRY

Governor

Attested by:

ESPERANZA "HOPE" ANDRADE

Secretary of State