



February 25, 2021

City of Aransas Pass  
Attn: City Manager Gary Edwards  
PO BOX 2000  
Aransas Pass, TX 78336

Dear Mayor Gomez, Councilman Scruggs, Abrego, Moore, Knight and City Manager Gary Edwards,

For 70+ years the Shrimporee has been a celebration of the ties Aransas Pass had with the fishing and shrimping industry. Over that period of time, the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Aransas Pass have partnered together in planning and organizing this very successful event.

**We continue seeking your support and partnership of Shrimporee by granting us permission to use the Community Park aka “Shrimporee Grounds” and an allowance in your budget for the assistance of police protection (not to exceed \$30,000). Additionally, we seek assistance with public works services to help prepare for the event. In past years we were granted allowances for both departments but will not submit cost related to wages incurred by Public Works. Consistent successful events have allowed the Chamber the opportunity to show our appreciation for the City’s support, by taking on that cost. Shrimporee is progressively gaining momentum and becoming larger each year. This event has a major impact on our community bringing in much needed revenues for hotels, restaurant and retail stores along with opportunities for our local nonprofits to provide scholarships for our youth and continue their humanitarian and community projects. The 2020 event was canceled due to the novel Coronavirus pandemic and the lack of knowledge, resources or even a vaccine at that time. We feel strongly that we can have a safe event with a fine tuned health & safety plan in place.**

The Chamber is also asking to be added as an additional insured on the City’s general liability policy as done in previous years. Additionally, the Chamber of Commerce carries general liability insurance making sure to include the City of Aransas Pass as “additional insured.”

Our final request would be permission to close Arch Street, Danforth Street and Highland Street where it relates to flow of traffic for Shrimporee as per the request of the Aransas Pass Police Department. This request is a public safety precaution to keep traffic flowing and pedestrians safe. Street Closures would be from Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> (@4pm) thru Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> (@1am).

Shrimporee is a joint effort of citizens, business and professional leaders, in addition to hundreds of volunteers who come together to promote the first class community that Aransas Pass is. Shrimporee has played such a major role in the community and continues to be so very important to so many people.

We would like to be able to have the Carnival open once again on Thursday evening prior to Shrimporee if approved. The Chamber will have 3 off-site parking lot/pick-ups & drop off areas and will be using motor coaches to transport people to and from the festival. The 2021 Shrimporee is scheduled for June 11-13<sup>th</sup> with the carnival beginning on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests. We truly appreciate the ongoing support we receive from the City of Aransas Pass and the positive relationship that has been built between us.

Respectfully,  
Cara Cooke, Board Chairman  
Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce

Rosemary Vega, CEO  
Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce

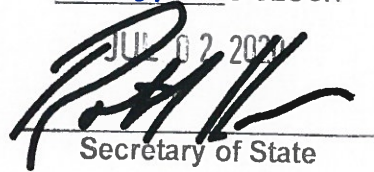


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

July 2, 2020

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
2:30pm O'CLOCK

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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Secretary of State

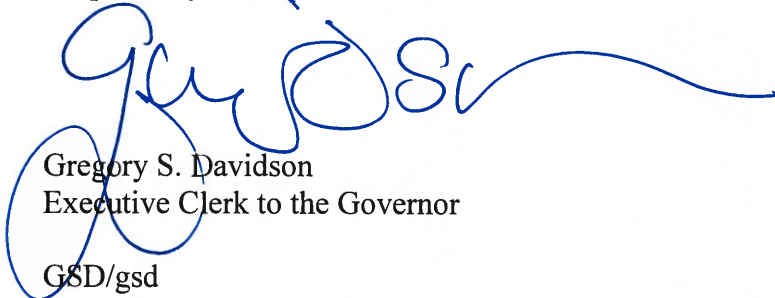
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation amending Executive Order GA-28 relating to mass gatherings in Texas during the disaster posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor  
GSD/gsd

Attachment

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-28 on June 26, 2020, relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster as part of the reopening of Texas; and

WHEREAS, additional measures are needed to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby amend paragraph numbers 5 and 12 of Executive Order GA-28, effective at 12:01 p.m. on July 3, 2020, to read as follows:

5. For any outdoor gathering in excess of 10 people, other than those set forth above in paragraph numbers 1, 2, or 4, the gathering is prohibited unless the mayor of the city in which the gathering is held, or the county judge in the case of a gathering in an unincorporated area, approves of the gathering, and such approval can be made subject to certain conditions or restrictions not inconsistent with this executive order;
12. Except as provided in this executive order or in the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus), people shall not be in groups larger than 10 and shall maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group;

This proclamation shall remain in effect and in full force for as long as Executive Order GA-28 is in effect and in full force, unless otherwise modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.



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 2nd day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

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ATTESTED BY:



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RUTH R. HUGHS  
Secretary of State

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