TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKER
Travel to & from Work Authorization

1. The United States Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) designates the food and agriculture sector as a critical infrastructure sector whose assets, systems, and networks are considered so vital that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, national public health, or safety.

2. The President's Coronavirus Guidance published on March 16, 2020 (available at https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/coronavirus-guidelines-america/)instructs employees of Critical Infrastructure Industries, such as the food and agriculture sector, to maintain normal work patterns during the global coronavirus outbreak. On March 19, 2020 the Department of Homeland Security identified the specific industries that comprise Critical Infrastructure Industries (available at https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce).

3. This document certifies that the bearer is an agricultural worker and/or food production worker involved in the production of field crops, the manufacture of human food and/or the distribution of agricultural products and other human food through wholesale, retail, and/or foodservice distribution within a sector that has been designated as critical infrastructure, the continued operation of which is vital for security, national economic security, national public health, and safety.

4. Accordingly, it is appropriate, considering the President of the United States Coronavirus Guidance to allow this worker to proceed unimpeded to and from their place of employ in the state and federal interests of protecting the nation's food supply chain. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Terry Keel, Assistant Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, at (512) 475-0134.

Certified by:

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