More than 1,000 Black Lives Matter protests were sent Saturday to various cities by Gov. Greg Abbott who declared a state of emergency over the death of Minneapolis native George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody.

"Texas and America mourn the senseless loss of George Floyd, and the actions that led to his death are reprehensible and should be condemned in the strongest terms possible," Abbott said in a news release. "The State enforce their First Amendment rights, it is imperative that order is maintained and private property is protected." Abbott tweeted that "the police were being sent to Houston, San Antonio and Austin, the greatest premise.

In Austin, hundreds of police general- cated police headquarters, and many were测算erences possible along Interstate 35 as police shut down the interstate.

The rally was for both Floyd and Ramos, a 65-year-old law enforcem-
tally that last week in Austin police. In a statement, Austin police arson—name, Ramos, injured a phrase later.

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**TEXANS BEGIN DEMONSTRATING**

A small group of protesters gathered in the streets of Austin, Texas, on Saturday night after some protests turned violent.

With thousands of people in the streets throughout the state, the demonstrations were largely peaceful. However, some groups became rowdy, with police using tear gas and pepper spray to disperse the crowds.

**SPACES GETS SECOND CHANCE**

SpaceX is expected to resume its commercial crew missions soon after blocking a launch earlier this year due to technical issues.

The company’s Dragon capsule was chosen to transport NASA astronauts to the International Space Station, but the first mission was delayed in June 2015. SpaceX has since made several adjustments to its operational procedures and has reached an agreement with NASA.

**EXPERTS WARN PROTESTS COULD FUEL VIRUS**

“The vast majority of people are following the guidance of health officials, but we need to be vigilant,” said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Fauci said the demonstrations are not the only risk factor for the spread of the coronavirus, but they do increase the risk of transmission. He encouraged people to continue practicing social distancing and wearing masks.

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- **Protestors stop Dallas Police officers responding to a confrontation at Young St. and 5th St. in downtown Dallas.** Police arrested a total of six people during the demonstration.

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**TEXAS**

- **Protestor shot dead outside financial conference 15 years in Austin, Tex., 2005.** Drake was killed in a gunfight after police arrived at a warehouse to arrest him.

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**TEXAS**

- **Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti imposed a new curfew on Saturday night as some protesters turned violent.** The curfew is in effect from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., and police said they arrested 25 people.

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- **NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine was commended by Tesla CEO Elon Musk for a recent test flight.** Musk, the visionary also behind the SpaceX project, said he was impressed with the performance of the Falcon 9 rocket.

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- **Mike Pence commended Musk for a recent test flight.** The vice president of the United States said Musk and his team have made significant progress in developing a reusable rocket system.

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