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RESOLUTION 20-04

A Resolution on COVID-19 and a Request for State and Federal Assistance

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus ("virus"), a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of the virus in Alaska, and since the declaration was announced, the State received confirmation of a positive case of the virus on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the State of Alaska Legislature announced initial actions to limit the spread of COVID-19, including limiting access to the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of March 13, 2020, Governor Michael J. Dunleavy closed all schools in Alaska for two weeks; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses an imminent threat to human health, safety and welfare to the residents of Chignik; and

WHEREAS, due to the highly contagious nature of the virus, the available Chignik infrastructure and resources, including Harris sub-regional Clinic, the Chignik Airport, the Chignik School, among others, will be likely inadequate to handle the consequences of a COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to implement local emergency powers given the potential ability of the virus to cause injury or death to people, necessitating measures to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in order to contain any potential harm that may be caused by the virus, State and Federal assistance is needed to supplement local efforts to respond to this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, while the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital for the City of Chignik to be prepared and take all needed precautions throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, because of the ongoing nature of the emergency, the City of Chignik deems it necessary to continue said declaration of a local disaster emergency until November 24, 2020, or until the virus is no longer declared a federal or state emergency, whichever occurs first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF CHIGNIK, ALASKA:

Section 1. The City of Chignik hereby continues the declaration of a local disaster emergency by the Mayor / Vice Mayor, on March 19, 2020, with respect to the COVID-19 virus. Said declaration shall remain in effect until November 24, 2020, or until the virus is no longer declared a federal or state emergency, whichever occurs first. The Mayor / Vice Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to give this Resolution prompt and general publicity and to file it promptly with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Section 2. The Mayor / Vice Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to request that the Governor of Alaska provide such State assistance as may be available to meet the ongoing emergency created by COVID-19 and to request additional assistance from Federal agencies where State capability is not adequate. Further, the Mayor / Vice Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to issue and implement any orders necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and to take measures to ensure that all cases of contagious disease are subject to proper control and treatment.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.


Guy Ashby, Mayor

3/16/20
Date

Attest:


Edward K. Denisevich, City Clerk

3/24/20
Date

