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April 2, 2020

RE: Chignik Lake Village Council Resolution 2020-02 and State of Alaska Health Mandate 012 and Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order (Health Mandate 012 Attachment B) Amended March 27, 2020

Although the State of Alaska has deemed commercial fishing as Critical Infrastructure, the Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order (Health Mandate 012 Attachment B) Amended March 27, 2020 states:

To prevent the spread of the disease caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is Order based on its authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020.

This Order remains in effect until amended, rescinded, or superseded by further Order of the Governor. Certain emergency travel is imperative during the COVID-19 pandemic for both public health and safety as well as community well-being.

I. ORDER APPLICABILITY a. This Order is applicable to Alaskan communities that are removed from the road system, have a population smaller than 3,000, and do not house a hub hospital managed by the tribal healthcare system ("Small Community").

II. SMALL COMMUNITY TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

a. A Small Community (as defined in Subsection I.a. above) may adopt travel restrictions that are more restrictive than otherwise permitted in Health Mandate 012. Small Communities may not prohibit, or restrict in any manner, the following emergency travel:

- i. Emergency First Responders (includes fire, ambulatory services, and other similar emergency first responders).
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III. DUTIES OF AIR CARRIERS AND OTHER TRAVEL RELATED BUSINESSES

a. Air carriers and other travel related businesses conducting travel to Small Communities shall inquire if travelers are permitted to travel under this Order and shall rely upon a traveler's assurance that they are eligible to travel. Air carriers and other travel related businesses shall have no other duty or obligation to verify that travelers meet the criteria for permissible travel under this Order.

As of March 26, 2020, the Chignik Lake Village Council has passed Resolution 2020-02 regarding COVID-19 Travel, which includes essential services defined and exemptions defined. As a small community removed from the road system, with a population smaller than 3,000, and no hub hospital managed by the tribal healthcare system, and no current health aide in our community clinic, the community of Chignik Lake falls

under this attachment as defined and have adopted travel restrictions that are more restrictive than otherwise permitted in Health Mandate 012.

Chignik Lake Village Council Resolution 2020-02 states:

"WHEREAS, The Council recommends only essential services and emergency medical services will be allowed effective 12:01am March 27, 2020 and all non-essential travel into and out of the community of Chignik Lake will cease by 12:01am March 27, 2020; This applies to travel from other villages as well as from regional centers and Anchorage, and to all forms of transportation including air travel, snow machine, and other ground and water transportation.

WHEREAS, the Council recommends that non-essential air travel not resume until May 1, 2020 or until a time that is determined safe for Chignik Lake residents; and..."

Under Health Mandate 012 Attachment B, Chignik Lake has since March 26, 2020 adopted travel restrictions that are more restrictive than otherwise permitted in Health Mandate 012. Please follow our travel restrictions and be considerate to our community and only allow those who are listed in Health Mandate 012 Attachment B according to our resolution.

Chignik Lake Village Council Resolution 2020-02 is attached with this letter and can also be found at http://lakeandpen.com/residents/news___events/c_o_v_i_d19_response

Please contact the Chignik Lake Village Council at (907)845-4041 or chigniklakevillagecouncil@gmail.com.

 4/2/2020

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RESOLUTION 2020-02

DECLARING A DISASTER AND STATE OF EMERGENCY TO THE GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL BAN

WHEREAS, The Chignik Lake Village (herein the "Council") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe listed in the Secretary of the Interior's annual list of federally recognized Tribes issued in accordance with the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes List Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-454, see 85 Fed. Reg. 5462, 5466 (Jan, 30, 2020), and

WHEREAS, The Council is a federally recognized Tribe for the Community of Chignik Lake, and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 of the Chignik Lake Village By-laws allows for special meetings at the Call of the Council President or 3 or more Council members, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the By-laws, the Council held a Special Emergency Meeting on March 26, 2020 to address the global COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020 a Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Alaska's Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020, and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, The Council strongly recommends residents of Chignik Lake to hunker-down in their homes, sheltering-in-place during this pandemic by staying at home as much as possible, except to work in certain critical jobs; to buy, sell, or deliver groceries or other important goods; to receive or provide health care; and to get fresh air without contacting others. On the limited occasions when individuals leave home, they should maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any person outside their household whenever possible. Individuals are also encouraged to practice recommended hygiene, including regular hand washing and disinfecting their homes; and

WHEREAS, The CDC has recommended that all persons at higher risk of COVID-19 avoid all nonessential air travel, and the U.S. State Department has advised all U.S. Citizens to avoid all international travel; and

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2020 Governor Mike Dunleavy issued Health Mandate 10.1 effective 12:01am on March 25, 2020 which restricts non-essential air travel into and out of the state of Alaska and requires all people arriving in Alaska from other states or countries to immediately self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for illness. The failure to follow this order is punishable by a fine up to \$25,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both pursuant to Alaska Statute 12.55.035 and Alaska Statute 12.55.135; and

WHEREAS, the Council strongly recommends anyone returning to Chignik Lake from the greater Alaska area, outside of Alaska and outside of the United States to self-quarantine in their homes for a period no less than 14 days; and

WHEREAS, Numerous doctors in Alaska have called on the Governor to ban all non-essential travel in the state; and

WHEREAS, Due to ongoing spread of COVID-19 within Alaska, the Council is increasingly concerned for the health and wellbeing of our members, tribal community of Chignik Lake and the Bristol Bay region; and

WHEREAS, Rural Alaska suffered terribly from the great flu pandemic of 1918-1919, but few villages successfully avoided infection by imposing rigid quarantines and preventing outsiders from entering; and

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Essential services. Persons engaged in essential services are:

- Health professionals and other emergency responders dispatched by the state or federal governments, and patients seeking medical treatment.
- Law enforcement personnel from the state or federal government.
- Pilots and other air carrier personnel delivering freight and mail, or transporting passengers engaged in essential services.

Exceptions. The emergency disaster declaration on travel does not apply to:

- Residents of the Village or surrounding villages who temporarily left the Village prior to the enactment of this declaration provided they return home within three (3) days of enactment of this declaration.
- Residents of the Village or surrounding Villages who are outside of the village for medical care for themselves or a close relative who leave the Village for medical emergencies may return to the Village when their treatment is concluded, provided that they have certification from a doctor that they have been tested and are not infected with COVID-19.

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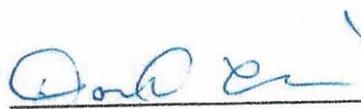
WHEREAS, the Council will continue to work with the Borough, State, Federal, and Tribal partners to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the global pandemic of COVID-19, the Chignik Lake Village Council hereby declares a State of Emergency and Disaster for our tribal community of Chignik Lake, Alaska.

CERTIFICATION:

This resolution was duly considered and adopted at a meeting of the Chignik Lake Village Council in Chignik Lake, Alaska on this 26th day of March, 2020, at which a quorum of Council members were in attendance.

ATTEST:



Don Lind, Council President

03-26-2020

Date



Clinton Boskofsky, Council Vice President

3/26/2020

Date

Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order
(Attachment B)
Amended March 27, 2020

Issued: March 27, 2020

By: Governor Mike Dunleavy
Commissioner Adam Crum, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska

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