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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.

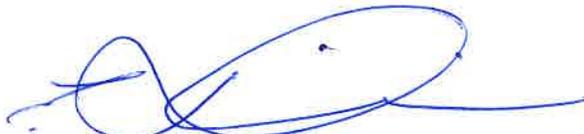


Guy Ashby, Mayor

3/16/20

Date

Attest:



Edward K. Denisevich, City Clerk

3/24/20

Date





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RESOLUTION 20-05 **DECLARING DISATER AND STATE OF EMERGENCY TO THE GLOBAL COVID-19** **PANDEMIC AND NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL BAN**

WHEREAS, The City of Chignik strongly recommends residents of Chignik 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 12:01 am on March 25, 2020 which restricts non-essential air travel in and out of the state of Alaska and requires all people arriving in Alaska from other states or countries to immediately self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days and monitor for illness. The failure to follow this order is punishable by fine of up to \$25,000, or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or both pursuant to Alaska Statute 12.55.035 and Alaska Statute 12.55.135; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chignik strongly recommends anyone returning to Chignik from the greater Alaska area, outside of Alaska, and outside of The United States to a mandated quarantine in their homes for a period of no less than fourteen (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 the ongoing spread of COVID-19 within Alaska, the City Council is increasingly concerned for the health and wellbeing of our Residents and Community; and

WHEREAS, Rural Alaska suffered terribly from the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918-1919, but a few villages avoided infection by imposing rigid quarantines and preventing outsiders from entering: and

WHEREAS, The City of Chignik recommends only essential services and emergency medical services will be allowed effective at 12:01 am on March 27, 2020 and all non-essential travel in and out of the City of Chignik will cease by 12:01 am on May 1, 2020; This applies to travel from other villages / cities as well as from regional centers and Anchorage, and to all forms of transportation including ALL sea, air, and land transportation.

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 or sea carrier personnel delivering freight, mail, food, water, or transporting passengers engaged in essential services.

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

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

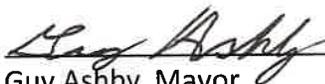
WHEREAS, The City of Chignik recommends that non-essential air travel not resume until 1 May 2020 or until a time that it is determined safe for Chignik residents: and

WHEREAS, The City Council will continue to work with 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 City Council hereby declares a State of Emergency and Disaster for the City of Chignik, Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chignik City Council will cease non-essential travel in and out of Chignik Bay effective 12:01 am March 27, 2020 through May 1, 2020 and requiring anyone traveling in the community within this timeframe to self-quarantine for a period of no less than fourteen (14) days.

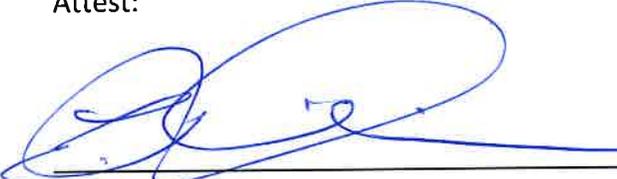
PASSED AND APPROVED by quorum of the Chignik City Council on this 26th day of March 2020



Guy Ashby, Mayor

3/24/20
Date

Attest:



Edward K. Denisevich, City Clerk

3/26/20
Date

