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We, the Native Village of Port Heiden is declaring a local emergency disaster due to the Novel Corona Virus Pandemic that has arrived in USA and Alaska shores,

History has shown us what Pandemic can do to a community like ours. We were reduced to a very small population losing generations of people and our culture. Our history has been passed down through voice not paper, historical losses that we deal with today.

As a proactive measure, the Port Heiden Tribal Council, decided during these times of uncertainty and to help prevent the spread of the virus in Port Heiden and the Bristol Bay Region. We are asking our community to comply with the following restrictions:

- We are asking all residents to comply with the Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, washing hands regularly, coughing into your elbow, avoiding touching your face, and participating in social distancing
- To protect our community members, we are asking that travel is limited to medical reasons only. Once returned home from travel, self-quarantine for a **MINIMUM of 14 DAYS**. This is not only to ensure your safety but the safety of the community as well.
- If you are not feeling well, we ask that you stay at home to minimize the transfer of any cold symptoms to anyone else.
- We have asked the airlines to limit the people coming to our community residents, health personnel and essential workers until this pandemic has passed. Essential workers need to check in with our tribal office before coming to Port Heiden so we can see if we can arrange and determine if their activities can be done in a safe manner.
- We have also asked the airlines that there be no transportation of alcohol into our community, because of the high probably that people will gatherings and their activities would require outside and local help.

As we all know, many regional events have been cancelled, non-emergency Medicaid has been cancelled. School has been cancelled until May 1st.

As elected leaders of our Community, we know cannot stop living because of COVID-19 but we can move silently and preconsciously in our efforts to serve the people of our community.

We, the people of Port Heiden, are strong people whose ancestors taught us that when we work together, we can accomplish great things.

John Christensen Jr., President

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