



**Native Village of Port Heiden
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RESOLUTION 20-55

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) TO PORT HEIDEN.

WHEREAS: The Native Village of Port Heiden is a federal recognized sovereign Tribe as defined under 25U.S.C. 1903(8); and

WHEREAS: The Native Village of Port Heiden is the governing body of their tribal enrolled members; and

WHEREAS: History has shown what a pandemic can do our people and culture in our region, and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 is a respiratory virus that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-COV-2 virus, a new strain of corona virus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmitted person to person; and

WHEREAS: On March 11, 2020 The World Health Organization declared the virus a pandemic, State of Alaska Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; on March 13, 2020 President Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS: State of Alaska Governor Dunleavy closed all schools in Alaska until May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS: As of March 26, 2020, there is 59 confirmed cases in Alaska; and

WHEREAS: Action taken by individual communities to slow the progression of the virus will reduce the negative impact on the health care system; and

WHEREAS: A declaration of health emergency will alert the public to the seriousness of the COVID-19 virus and provide direction to resources of information and other available public health resources. All while the Native Village of Port Heiden works in cooperation with other local and state agencies in anticipation of the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS: Any persons coming into Port Heiden is asked to self-quarantine themselves for a **minimum of 14 days** in a secure location; and,

WHEREAS: We have asked the airlines to limit the people coming to our community residents, health personnel and essential workers until this pandemic has passed; and,

WHEREAS: With the COVID-19 virus being very infectious, for the safety of our people the transportation of alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited into the village; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Native Village of Port Heiden is declaring a disaster emergency in the Village of Port Heiden based on the high risk of the infectious COVID-19 pandemic and substantial economic impacts to the Village of Port Heiden, the intent of this declaration is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or inter jurisdictional disaster or emergency plans, and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under those plans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Native Village of Port Heiden keep this plan in action until the Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) is no longer a threat to the community of Port Heiden.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was passed by the Native Village of Port Heiden, Tribal Council on this 26th day of March 2020 and that a quorum was present by a vote of ___ in FAVOR and ____ OPPOSED.

John Christensen Jr.
President

Council Member