

Twin Hills Village Council
Resolution 2020-12

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CLOSING THE VILLAGE OF TWIN HILLS TO NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL FROM OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE

WHEREAS: The Village of Twin Hills Village is a federal recognized Tribe and the Twin Hills Village Council is its elected governing body; and

WHEREAS: The State of Alaska, the United States, and the entire World is experiencing a pandemic of a novel coronavirus called COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 virus has been identified by the United States Center for Disease Protection and Prevention ("CDC"), the World Health Organization, and other experts as a new strain of coronavirus which is very contagious, can cause serious respiratory disease, and poses a serious public health risk; and

WHEREAS: On March 11, 2020 Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS: On March 13 President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency; 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 Governor Mike Dunleavy issued Health Mandate 10.1 that requires all people arriving in Alaska from other states or countries to immediately self-quarantine for 14 days; and

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

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

WHEREAS: At the time of this ordinance there are no known cases of COVID-19 in the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Twin Hills Village Council as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of Emergency. The Council declares that the COVID-19 coronavirus threat is a public health emergency. This action is taken under the inherent sovereign authority of the Twin Hills Village Council to protect the health and safety of its members.

Section 2. Non-essential Travel to the Village Prohibited.

- a. **Prohibition.** Effective at midnight March 27, 2020, all travel into the Village by persons who are not engaged in essential services is prohibited. 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.
- b. **Essential services.** Persons engaged in essential services are:

- Health professional and other emergency responders dispatched by the State or Federal Governments or the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation.
- 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.
- Other "critical infrastructure workers" as identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its March 19, 2020 *Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response* and approved by the Tribal President.

c. **Exceptions.** The prohibition on travel in this ordinance does not apply to:

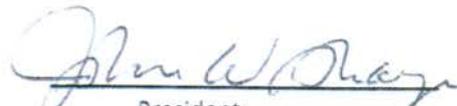
- Residents of the Village who temporarily left the Village prior to the enactment of this Ordinance provided they return home within three (3) days of enactment of this Ordinance.
- Residents of the Village who are outside the village for medical care for themselves or a close relative or who leave 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.

Section 3. Self-Quarantine. Any persons arriving in the Village under Section 2.c. Exceptions shall self-quarantine for 14 days in accordance with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services guidelines published in Health Mandate 10.1 on March 23, 2020.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution effective immediately upon enactment and will remain in effect until May 1, 2020 or superseded by further action of the Village Council.

Certification of Adoption

This certifies that the above Resolution was duly enacted by the Twin Hills Village Council at a duly called and noticed meeting, by a vote of 5 yes and _____ no votes, and that a quorum was present.


President

Attest:


Secretary

TWIN HILLS VILLAGE RESIDENTS

- 1. Resident travelers that traveled for medical reasons into the hub or Anchorage to SELF quarantine 14 days as mandated in the resolution passed by Twin Hills Village Council on March 27.**
- 2. People that are sick to quarantine in their home and report through the phone to the Health clinic and keep updated on status of health. HEALTH CLINIC PHONE: (907)525-4326**
- 3. Travel restrictions apply to other villages and other village residents may not land in Twin Hills.**
- 4. If you need to go to the store please be aware of what the store policy is.**
- 5. The resolution is in effect until May 1. Further notice will be mailed out.**
- 6. If you are going to pay for your utility bill please call ahead of time to make sure that someone is able to receive your payment. Or if you need to take care of essential services done such as TANF/recertification/or other assistance programs. The office is closed to the public.**