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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ATKA TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT AND SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS KNOWN AS COVID-19 THROUGHOUT ATKA.

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention has identified the COVID19 virus as a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans, causing respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and which poses a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

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


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

WHEREAS, a proactive approach taken by individuals and communities to slow the rate of infection will reduce the negative impact on our health care system.

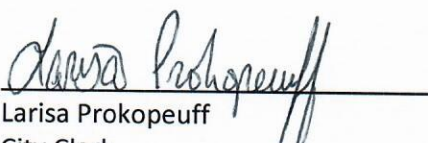
NOW THEREFORE, AN EMERGENCY IS HEREBY DECLARED BY THE CITY OF ATKA:

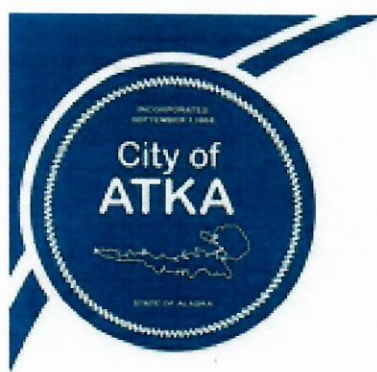
1. In accordance with Title 1, Chapter 1.2, Section 5 of the City of Atka Code of Ordinances, the City Council hereby declares the coronavirus threat and impact a public health emergency.
2. On the 24th day of March is authorized to take necessary actions, in accordance with Title 1, Chapter 1.2, Section 5 of the City of Atka Code of Ordinances, to prepare and position our resources in order to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus throughout Atka.
3. This declaration is effective until May 23, 2020.

ISSUED this 24th day of March 2020.


Crystal Dushkin
Mayor

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TRAVEL ALERT **ATKA HIGHLY RESTRICTIVE TRAVEL BAN**

The City of Atka and Native Village of Atka have decided together to establish the following protocol to reduce the risk for the introduction and spread of COVID-19 into the community of Atka.

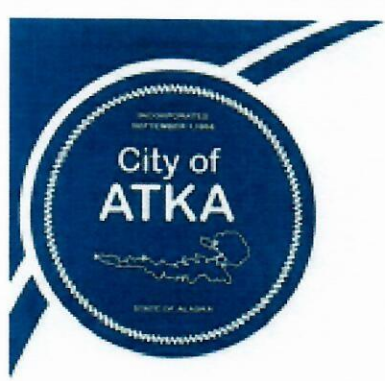
EFFECTIVE: MARCH 25, 2020 AT 11:59PM

A highly restricted travel ban will be put into place to enter into the City of Atka for the next 30 days, until April 25, 2020, as follows:

1. Atka people wishing to return to Atka should do so as soon as possible, and must observe a mandatory two-week quarantine upon return.
2. Any local resident who decides to leave, except for essential medical travel, will be required to wait a minimum 30 days before returning, pass screening for symptoms of COVID19, and also observe a mandatory two-week quarantine upon return.
3. Anyone else attempting to enter City limits, by plane or boat, will be denied and asked to reschedule until after April 25, 2020.

Following are exceptions to the travel restriction:

1. Essential personnel for emergencies (i.e. public health, law enforcement, teachers, etc.)
2. Essential medical travel:
 - a. Individuals in need of medical care will need to travel in and out of Atka as determined by medical personnel
 - b. Health care providers will need to travel in and out of Atka; however, all health medical providers must go through a two-week quarantine prior to coming or upon arrival.



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3. Freight, cargo, and mail services are still permitted.
 - a. Flight crews are asked to stay in aircraft if possible. However, they may conduct any necessary business required by their job or for restroom if needed.
 - b. No locals or cargo handlers are allowed on board the aircraft and are asked to wear gloves when off-loading the aircraft.

Local agencies will reevaluate the travel restriction protocol in three weeks, by April 15, 2020.

The City of Atka and Native Village of Atka asks our community members to please be safe and please follow self-quarantine guidelines as provided by the CDC and social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.