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CITY OF NUIQSUT RESOLUTION No. 20-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NUIQSUT DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND REQUESTING NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH, 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;
- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the virus a pandemic;
- 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;
- WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic;
- 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;
- WHEREAS,** on the afternoon of March 13, 2020, Governor Dunleavy closed all schools in Alaska for two weeks;
- WHEREAS,** state and federal actions/reactions to cope with this pandemic are rapidly evolving and changing day-by-day;


- WHEREAS,** a substantial number of the workforce in the City of Nuiqsut have children in the North Slope Borough School District (“NSBSD”) and are now desperately searching for child care solutions;
- WHEREAS,** the economy of the City of Nuiqsut and the oil companies operating in the area is dependent upon the City of Nuiqsut continuing to serve as a viable, responsive area;
- WHEREAS,** First Responders in the City of Nuiqsut will be on the frontline of the response to this pandemic;
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 poses an imminent threat to human health, safety and welfare to the residents of the City of Nuiqsut;
- WHEREAS,** due to the highly contagious nature of the virus, the available City of Nuiqsut and local partners infrastructure and resources, including North Slope Borough (“NSB”), Kuukpik Corporation (“Kuukpik”), Native Village of Nuiqsut (“NVN”), NSB Fire Department, NSB Police Department, Nuiqsut Airport and the NSBSD, among others, will be likely inadequate to handle the consequences of a COVID-19 outbreak unless the City of Nuiqsut implements emergency powers;
- WHEREAS,** it is essential to implement local emergency powers given the potential ability of the virus to cause death or injury to people, necessitating measures to protect the public health, safety, and welfare;
- WHEREAS,** in order to contain any potential harm that may be caused by the virus, North Slope Borough (“NSB”), State and Federal assistance is needed to supplement local efforts to respond to this public health emergency;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Nuiqsut does not presently have a Department of Emergency Services/Disaster Response and is completely dependent upon the NSB and State of Alaska for such services;
- WHEREAS,** the City Council deems it necessary to declare a local emergency to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Nuiqsut, residents of the NSB who visit the City of Nuiqsut and oil company employees who frequent the City of Nuiqsut;

- WHEREAS,** the City Council requests the Mayor of the North Slope Borough and Governor of Alaska provide NSB and state assistance to the City of Nuiqsut in its response to the virus, including assistance for fire protection, law enforcement, and the provision of other funds, services, functions, supplies, or materials determined by the City of Nuiqsut Mayor, in consultation with local emergency providers and local partners, to be necessary to meet the public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from the damages caused;
- WHEREAS,** the City Council further authorizes the City of Nuiqsut Mayor to 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;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Nuiqsut Mayor must seek City Council approval prior to issuing any orders (1) related to private property; (2) related to mass quarantine or isolation; or (3) related to rationing of goods or supplies;
- WHEREAS,** a public health related order, if any, shall be consistent with NSB, state, federal or public health official recommendations;
- WHEREAS,** purchasing provisions under the Nuiqsut City Code ("NCC") Chapter 4.16, "Contracts and Purchasing," (for the purchase of supplies and services) may be suspended by the City of Nuiqsut Mayor during this emergency as necessary for and for the purpose of combating and alleviating this pandemic;
- WHEREAS,** all resources of the municipal government, including City of Nuiqsut personnel, are hereby available as necessary to deal with the emergency, and municipal departments, agencies, and/or personnel may be transferred or altered in function for the purpose of performing or facilitating performance services responsive to this pandemic;
- WHEREAS,** while the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital for the City of Nuiqsut 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, this declaration of local emergency shall remain in effect until November 30, 2020, or until the virus is no longer declared a federal, state or North Slope Borough emergency, whichever occurs first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NUIQSUT, ALASKA:


- SECTION 1. Emergency Declared.** The City Council of the City of Nuiqsut hereby declares a local emergency to exist within the City of Nuiqsut. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed promptly with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, North Slope Borough ("NSB"), Kuukpik Corporation ("Kuukpik"), Native Village of Nuiqsut ("NVN"), NSB Fire Department, NSB Police Department, ADOT/PF (for the Nuiqsut Airport), NSBSD and oil companies in the area.
- SECTION 2. State and Federal Assistance Requested.** The City of Nuiqsut requests that the Governor of Alaska and the Mayor of the North Slope Borough provide such state and borough assistance as may be available to meet the ongoing emergency created by COVID-19 and to request additional assistance from federal agencies where state and borough capability is not adequate.
- SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Nuiqsut, Alaska, this 23rd day of March, 2020.



The Honorable Mamie Pardue
Mayor

Attest:



Elaine Sovalik, City Clerk

