CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and that is a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans, as posing a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been spreading in other countries, states, and throughout Canada, resulting in implementation of public health actions to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Mike Dunleavy under AS 26.23.020(c) declared a public health disaster emergency to exist statewide; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has experienced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the continued imminent threat of a COVID-19 epidemic will impact every community in the State of Alaska and will significantly affect the life and health of the citizens in the City of Dillingham; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dillingham is a political subdivision that has jurisdictional boundaries outside of a recognized borough; and,

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources; and there are insufficient regularly appropriated funds to cover these expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Dillingham City Council declares a disaster emergency per AS 26.23.140 and DMC 2.64.020 (B) to exist in the City of Dillingham.

Alice Ruby, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk