

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.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on March 19, 2020.


Alice Ruby, Mayor

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ATTEST:


Lori Goodell, City Clerk