



City of Emmonak

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CITY OF EMMONAK

DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 20-04

WHEREAS: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus, a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS: on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 was a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS: on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS: on March 11, 2020 the Governor for the State of Alaska declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: the WHO, the United States Government, and the Governor all advise that COVID-19 is highly contagious and presents a serious health risk to Americans, including severe illness and death; and

WHEREAS: the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has certified that it is highly probable that an outbreak of COVID-19 will occur in Alaska in the near future within the definition of "disaster" as codified at Alaska Statute 26.23.900(2)(E); and

WHEREAS: as of March 19, 2020, twelve (12) cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Alaska; and

WHEREAS: a proactive approach must be taken by both individuals and communities to slow the rate of infection to reduce the negative impact on our health care system; and

WHEREAS: the City Manager has determined that there is high likelihood that residents of Emmonak will be affected by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: Section 8.10.020 of the Emmonak City Code allows for the City Council to declare an emergency based upon assessments by the City Manager and the declaration by the office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS: the public health information reviewed by the City and the declarations of the WHO, the United States, and the State of Alaska meet the requirements for an emergency declaration pursuant to Code Section 8.10.020; and

WHEREAS: a declaration of a local Public Health Emergency will alert the public to the seriousness of the risk as well as provide a mechanism for the City to coordinate its response and resources with local, State, and Federal agencies; and

THEREFORE: the Emmonak City Council declares a Public Health Emergency based on the threat of COVID-19 and authorizes the City Manager to act as the incident commander for the City, exercising all authority vested in the position by applicable local, State, and Federal law as well as directing the City Manager to procure services and contracts necessary to address this emergency as described in Chapter 8.10 of the City Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY March 2020.

Wilbur R Hootch

Wilbur Hootch, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED THIS 23rd DAY March 2020.

Lilly Westlock

Attest: Lilly Westlock, City Clerk