

# City of Emmonak

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To: Honorable U.S. Senator  
Lisa Murkowski

From: Martin B. Moore, Sr.  
City Manager  
City of Emmonak

Date: March 26, 2020

Dear Lisa,

We made a promise to your staff member Deborah Vo to sent a copy of City of Emmonak Declaration of Emergency Disaster Document authorized by Mayor Wilbur R. Hootch and majority vote Emmonak City Council.

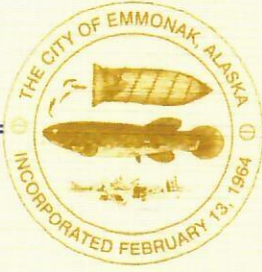
Community of Emmonak is praying with the Auspicious of the Vicar of Christ Pope Francis. We thank you for taking this measure with Fortitude, knowledge and wisdom to prevent spread of Coronavirus COVID – 19.

God be with you

Sincerely,

Martin B. Moore, Sr.

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### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY March 2020.

Wilbur R Hootch

Wilbur Hootch, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY March 2020.

Lilly Westlock

Attest: Lilly Westlock, City Clerk