WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has identified the COVID-19 virus as a new strain of Corona-Virus not previously identified in humans, causing respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and which poses a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the announcement and conducted an Emergency Meeting of the City Council and Local Agencies to take precautionary measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed resolution 2020-01 to follow trending response efforts to cancel large-scale events as a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of Covid-19 Virus; and

WHEREAS, the City Council issued a letter to the community with information and guidelines to follow as recommended from the State of Alaska and CDC web pages and information on local news stations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet informed residents to be vigilant and sanitize any work spaces, door handles, phones and any high traffic areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet wished the community to be mindful of the elders and if they are living with an elder to take extra care and wash hands frequently and upon entering their homes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet requested the parents to pay attention to their children’s health, that they are susceptible to colds during this time of year which can spread and cause vulnerability to other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet requested residents to be mindful of the Health Care providers to follow instructions given from the clinic and to let the clinic staff know if the residents have travelled from outside the city upon making any appointments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet understands that medevac availabilities are limited and so are subject to Norton Sound Health Corporation or other appropriate medical approval; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet will continue to monitor information released by the State of Alaska and the ("CDC") as it is given; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalakleet issued the following guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City is discouraging any travel of visitors into Unalakleet. Understanding that we are a HUB and this cannot be avoided. We are requesting local residents to keep travel to a bare minimum; and

WHEREAS, all people travelling in and out of the village must self quarantine for the mandatory 14 days if you have travelled out of state; and
WHEREAS, RAVN is doing employee and passenger screening which includes a series of questions being asked and making sure employees and passengers do not have fevers or symptoms before getting on any aircraft; and

WHEREAS, freight planes are flying into Unalakleet. Northern Air Cargo is limiting access and exposure of their flight crews and Everts Air Cargo crew is not deplaning and local staff is not entering aircraft; and

WHEREAS, grocery store hours have been set aside for Elders and those with underlying conditions. Unalakleet Native Corporation Store hours are 9am till 7pm and shopping for Elders and those with underlying conditions is from 1:30pm -2:30pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Alaska Commercial Company Store hours are 9am -7pm and shopping for Elders and those with underlying conditions is from 8am-9am; and

WHEREAS, all restaurants shall be take out only; and

WHEREAS, proper disinfection measures MUST be taking place at local establishments; and

WHEREAS, elders lunch elders’ who are able can pick up lunches and homebound meals at this time will still be delivered; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no gatherings of 10 or more people in any space at one time. No hugging, shaking hands, or any physical contact unless immediate family; and

WHEREAS, distance spacing is highly recommended, (recommended distance 6 ft.)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNALAKLEET, ALASKA: Because the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital for the City of Unalakleet to be prepared and take all necessary precautions throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency related to Covid-19

FURTHERMORE, the City Council will be following any actions and mandates deemed necessary by the Governor of the State of Alaska and any other recommendations and orders from the “TRI-ORG” consisting of the elected officials from each of our partnering organizations Native Village of Unalakleet, Unalakleet Native Corporation and the City of Unalakleet.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Unalakleet, Alaska this 20th day of March, 2020.

Davida Hanson, Mayor

Kelly Otton, City Clerk