

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF YAKUTAT, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 20-331**

**A Resolution of the City and Borough of Yakutat Declaring a Local  
Emergency in Response to COVID-19 and a Request for State and Federal  
Assistance.**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of the virus in Alaska, and since the declaration was announced, the State received confirmation of three positive cases of the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Dunleavy closed all schools in Alaska for two weeks;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses an imminent threat to human health, safety and welfare to the residents of the City and Borough of Yakutat ("the Borough"); and

WHEREAS, due to the highly contagious nature of the virus, the available Borough infrastructure and resources, including the Police and Emergency Services Department, the Airport, and the Yakutat School District, among others, will be likely inadequate to handle the consequences of a COVID-19 outbreak unless the Borough implements emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to implement local emergency powers given the potential ability of the virus to cause death or injury to people, necessitating measures to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in order to contain any potential harm that may be caused by the virus, State and Federal assistance is needed to supplement local efforts to respond to this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AS 26.23.140, the Assembly may declare the existence of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly deems it necessary to declare a local emergency to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough requests the Governor of Alaska to provide State assistance to the Borough in its response to the virus, including assistance for fire protection, law enforcement, and the provision of other funds, services, functions, supplies, or materials determined by the Borough Manager, in consultation with local emergency agencies, to be necessary to meet the public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from the damages caused; and

WHEREAS, because of the ongoing nature of the emergency, this declaration of local emergency shall remain in effect until November 24, 2020, or until the virus is no longer declared a federal or state emergency, whichever occurs first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF YAKUTAT, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** The Assembly of the City and Borough of Yakutat hereby declares a local emergency to exist within the City and Borough of Yakutat. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed promptly with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

**Section 2.** The Borough requests that the Governor of Alaska provide such State assistance as may be available to meet the ongoing emergency created by COVID-19 and to request additional assistance from Federal agencies where State capability is not adequate.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 19 day of March, 2020.

C. Bremner

Mayor Cindy Bremner

Attest:

[Signature]

Cathy Bremner, Municipal Clerk

