



CITY OF HOUSTON
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARATION
OF PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy, under the authority granted by Alaska Statute 26.23.050(c), issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated COVID-19 outbreak; 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 "disaster" codified at Alaska Statute 26.23.900(2)(E); and WHEREAS, the imminent threat of an outbreak of COVID-19 will significantly affect the life and health of the residents of the City of Houston; and

WHEREAS, the imminent threat posed to Houston and its residents exceeds the capabilities and resources of the city to respond to and mitigate the threat to public safety.

THEREFORE on this 3rd day of April, 2020, under the authority granted by Alaska Statutes 26.23.140 and Houston Municipal Code 2.40.010, I hereby declare that a condition of public health disaster emergency exists in the City of Houston, and this condition is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a public health disaster emergency declaration in order to provide assistance and take necessary action.

FURTHER, this declaration allows the City to request assistance from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the State of Alaska, and the Federal government, including funds, services, or materials deemed necessary to meet needs stemming from COVID-19.

FURTHER, this declaration authorizes the Mayor to implement measures necessary to prevent the spread of disease, designate an Emergency Management Coordinator, and to mitigate the effects of COVID-19.

Signed this 3rd day of April, 2020.



Virgie Thompson, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Sonya Pevar, CMC, City Clerk