CITY OF MANOKOTAK
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, commencing on March 19, 2020, the City of Manokotak is vulnerable to life from Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) that is happening worldwide. As, our village is located more than 500 miles from the State’s main hospital, Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) and more than 5,000+ miles away from an advanced medical facility in lower 48 that can properly treat this virus. Furthermore, this village’s regional hospital – Kanakanak (BBAHC) stated yesterday on their teleconference with all participating villages, that they do not have accurate supplies and/or equipment to properly treat this COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the City of Manokotak is a political subdivision that has jurisdictional boundaries outside of a recognized borough; and,

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; a foreign citizen that arrived into this village on March 18, 2020, by airline, has been quarantined in their home for a period of 15 days. And more uncounted number of local residents are returning home from exposed major city of Alaska – Anchorage and Fairbanks. And as recommended by State and Federal Governments, they are asked to self-quarantine themselves for a period of 15 days as well.

WHEREAS, A). the council may adopt emergency ordinances to meet a public emergency. Every emergency ordinance must contain a statement of the facts, which describes the emergency. The ordinance may be adopted, amended and adopted, or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced. The affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the council membership, whichever is less, is required for adoption. The council must type or print and make copies of adopted emergency ordinances
B). an emergency ordinance may not be used to levy taxes; to grant, renew or extend a franchise, or to regulate the rate charged by a public utility for its services.
C). Emergency ordinances are effective for sixty (60) days.

FURTHERMORE, it is requested that the governor of the State of Alaska declare a disaster emergency to exist as described in AS 26.23 and provide disaster assistance to the City of Manokotak in its response and recovery from this event. The City of Manokotak specifically requests individual disaster relief for 500+ people public disaster assistance for emergency protective measures, basic house hold essentials for 130 homes, ventilators, face masks, MRE's, generator for the clinic, satellite phones, latex gloves, disinfectant needs, hand sanitizers, antibacterial hand soap etc.

FURTHER, the undersigned certifies that the City of Manokotak has or will expand local resources in the amount of $130,000.00 as a result of this disaster, for which no State or Federal reimbursement will be requested.

PASSED and APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Manokotak, Alaska this 19th day of March, 2019.

Moses Toyukak Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:
Stella Pauk, City Clerk