

City of Ouzinkie, Alaska
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OUZINKIE TO
TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT AND SPREAD OF THE
CORONAVIRUS KNOWN AS COVID-19 THROUGHOUT OUZINKIE.**

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention has identified the COVID19 virus as a new strain of coronavirus 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, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the Who Health Organization declared the outbreak of the coronavirus disease of the 2019 (COVID-19) a public health emergency of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020 the Health and Human Services Secretary of the United States declared the outbreak a public health emergency for the United States

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska issued a public health disaster emergency declaration for COVID-19 in accordance with Alaska Statue 26.23.900(2)(E); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Kodiak Area Emergency Service Council declares a local public health disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, the imminent threat of an outbreak of COVID-19 will impact every community in the State of Alaska and will significantly affect the life and health of Alaskans statewide;

WHEREAS, the City of Ouzinkie, Alaska is preparing for threats of life, illnesses, critical supply shortages (food, water, fuel, medicine), critical workforce shortages, increased healthcare demands, increased water/sanitation service demands, and sustained economic losses require emergency protective measures to be taken; and

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the COVID-19 emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of the local resources, and there are insufficient regularly appropriated funds to cover these expenses; and

WHEREAS, a proactive approach taken by individuals and communities to slow the rate of infection will reduce the negative impact on our health care system.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Ouzinkie declares a disaster emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist in the City of OUZINKIE

1. The Ouzinkie City Council hereby declares the coronavirus threat and impact a public health emergency.
2. The Mayor is authorized to take necessary actions, in accordance to prepare and position our resources in order to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus throughout the City of Ouzinkie.
3. This declaration is effective April 01, 2020 and will remain in effect until rescinded or amended.

FURTHERMORE, it is requested that the governor of the State of Alaska provide disaster assistance to the City of Ouzinkie in its preparation, response, and recovery from this event.

ISSUED this 1st day of April, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elijah Jackson", is written over a horizontal line.

Elijah Jackson, Mayor