



**City of Port Heiden**  
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**HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO REDUCE THE IMPACT AND SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS KNOWN AS COVID-19 THROUGH PORT HEIDEN**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus ("virus"), a new strain of the corona virus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the virus a pandemic; Alaska Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; and on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, twelve positive cases of COVID-19 have been identified within the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, a proactive approach taken by individual and communities to slow the rate of infection will reduce the negative impact on our healthcare system; and,

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of a local health emergency will alert the public to the seriousness of the risk, and provide direction to sources of information and other available public health resources all while the City of Port Heiden works in cooperation with other local and state agencies through the City of Port Heiden office emergency management to implement actions and responses to address the probable COVID-19 outbreak.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the recommendation of the Port Heiden City Council, I now declare a disaster emergency in the City of Port Heiden based on the risk to the public posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic and the substantial economic impacts to the City of Port Heiden as provided by AS 26.23.140, the intent of this declaration is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster or emergency plans, and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under those plans. Further, I hereby request that the City Council of Port Heiden continue this declaration until the COVID-19 virus is no longer a threat to the community of Port Heiden.

Mayor; Scott W. Anderson

City Clerk; Shane Fortune