RESOLUTION NO. 20-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT LIONS DECLARING A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lions is an incorporated second class municipality and political subdivision of the State of Alaska and located within the Kodiak Island Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Port Lions City Council is the governing body of the City of Port Lions; and

WHEREAS, the Port Lions City Council recognizes Covid-19, also known as coronavirus and caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, is a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans that is easily spread from person to person and can potentially be fatal, especially to the elderly and immune-compromised; and

WHEREAS, on 11MARCH2020 the World Health Organization declared that the global coronavirus crisis is now a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on 13MARCH2020 the President of the United States declared the Covid-19 pandemic a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on 11MARCH2020 the Governor of the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to an anticipated outbreak of Covid-19 in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on 18MARCH2020 the City and Borough of Kodiak Emergency Services Council authorized their Emergency Services Director to declare a public health emergency in Kodiak, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 9: Emergency Preparedness and Civil Defense, of the Port Lions Municipal Code of Ordinance, a Public Notice of community expectations regarding travel was executed by the City of Port Lions and the Native Village of Port Lions and published on 23MARCH2020; and

WHEREAS, the yet-unknown potential short and long-term effects of this pandemic affect our entire state and require a proactive approach by individuals and organizations to minimize the negative impact on our community, region, and state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Port Lions City Council hereby declares a public health emergency to exist within the City of Port Lions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Lions will work cooperatively with local, regional, state, and federal partners to protect safety, welfare, subsistence lifestyle, and public order for the residents of Port Lions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Port Lions City Council hereby requests the Governor of the State of Alaska provide State assistance as may be available to meet this continuing public health emergency and to request Federal assistance where State resources are not sufficient, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Alaska Municipal League and the Division of Homeland Security, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this Resolution becomes effective upon the date of adoption by a duly constituted quorum of the Port Lions City Council and shall remain in effect until the State of Alaska and the United States of America no longer declare Covid-19 a public health emergency.

Adopted by the Port Lions City Council this thirtieth (30th) day of March, 2020.

Yes Votes: 7 No Votes: 0 Abstain: 0

Dorinda Kewan, Mayor

ATTEST: Janice Weaver, City Clerk