

RESOLUTION 20-03-20-01 CITY OF THORNE BAY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY. 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

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body for the City of Thorne Bay; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thorne Bay participates in the Prince of Wales Southern Southeast Local Emergency Planning Committee (SSLEPC), and

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 coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans, is easily transmissible person to person, and which poses a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Alaska Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, three positive cases of COVID-19 has been identified within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Dunleavy closed all schools and libraries in Alaska for two weeks; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City of Thorne Bay has restricted public access to municipal buildings in an abundance of caution and in alignment with State and Federal CDC guidelines; and

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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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY, the City Council for the City of Thorne Bay hereby declares a State of Emergency Disaster within the City of Thorne Bay. 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of March 2020

Lee Burger, Mayor

3-20-20

ATTEST:

Teri Feibel, CMC