

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECLARATION OF COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER
WITH REQUEST FOR STATE ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) a public health emergency of international concern;

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 characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic;

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency;

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

WHEREAS, the <Upper Kalskag, AK> is a political subdivision that has jurisdictional boundaries outside of a recognized borough;

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

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the <City of Upper Kalskag> declares a disaster emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist in Upper Kalskag, AK.

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

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Upper Kalskag City council on this 27 day of March 2020 at which a quorum was present, with a vote of 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions, 1 absent.

Rena Stewart
Administrator

3/27/20
Date