

City of Diomedede
Resolution 20-03

2020 CITY OF DIOMEDE COVID-19 RESPONSE
DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the City of Diomedede, Alaska is a political subdivision that has jurisdictional boundaries outside of an unorganized borough; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Organization (WHO) declared a COVID-19 a pandemic; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), (WHO), and Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (AKDHSS) continue to issue direction and mandates regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Norton Sound Health Corporation Health Care services are urgent or emergent and must continue, but with enhanced screening and safety measures; and

WHEREAS, COVID -19 infections are continuing across Alaska. To prevent the Diomedede Clinic and Norton Sound Health Corporation health care system from being overwhelmed, the community of Diomedede will continue practicing social-distancing every time people return from mainland Nome or Anchorage.

WHEREAS, City of Diomedede is in compliance with State of Alaska Mandatory Travel Declaration and the City of Nome to embark or disembark on PathFinder Aviation and other Nome Airport Terminals; and

WHEREAS, to protect the Pilot and Crew of PathFinder Aviation, all passengers taking flight must be tested for COVID-19 virus in Nome or Diomedede, 3 days before entering the PathFinder Hangar and must wear a face mask; and

WHEREAS, PathFinder Aviation contract for Diomedede flights to conduct Federal U.S. Mail deliveries and 'Approved' passenger flights continue; and

WHEREAS, PathFinder Aviation will not accept to carry out packages or freight from local residents of Nome and Little Diomedé, and

WHEREAS, to avoid exposure to COVID-19 virus, no passengers are permitted to fly from Wales to Diomedé, *via* PathFinder Helicopters; and

WHEREAS, to avoid exposure to COVID-19 virus and to protect the community members, no private-owned boats from other coastal villages are permitted to land on Little Diomedé; and

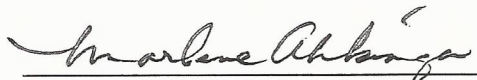
WHEREAS, to ensure zero risk exposure to COVID-19 virus village to village travel is prohibited, all Private Boat Owners must abide by the State of Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandate 011 & 012 (Social-Distancing & Intrastate Travel), and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Diomedé, now declares a disaster emergency in the City of Diomedé. 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.

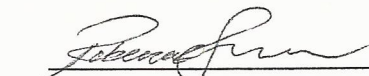
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Diomedé specifically request disaster relief for COVID-19 Virus Pandemic.

I, the Acting City Administrator of the City of Diomedé hereby certify the foregoing Resolution #2020-03 was adopted by a duly convened meeting on this **28th Day of April 2020**. For foregoing Resolution was approved by 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstained.

ATTEST:



Marlene "Opik" Ahkinga, City Mayor



Rebecca K. Ozenna, Acting City Clerk

