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Amending Resolution (3)  
Resolution: 03-585-20

**TRIBAL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

COVID-19 is a foreign virus that can cause fatal and severe pneumonia and organ failure in elders and people with existing health conditions including diabetes, asthma, heart disease and lung disease.

COVID-19 is spread through the air and can be breathed in or picked up from surfaces where the germs have landed.

The only method known to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to not have any contact with an infected person. There is no cure.

People infected with COVID-19 may not feel the symptoms or become sick for up to 14 days, but can still pass the dangerous virus silently and unknowingly to others.

WHEREAS: The Kwigillingok IRA Council is the Governing Body for the Native Village of Kwigillingok, and;

WHEREAS: The foreign disease novel coronavirus COVID-19 has spread throughout the world and has now been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

Whereas: COVID-19 can be deadly for elders and people with existing health complications; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 is spread through the air from person to person through breathing, coughing or sneezing and from contact by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States has issued guidance intended to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Native Village of Kwigillingok declares a Public Health Emergency to protect our community from the new threat COVID-19. We will follow the guidance of the Center for Disease Control and health professionals in implementing urgent health strategies. To protect our people, our community, and our traditional way of life from this sickness, the following policies and strategies will be formally adopted, effective immediately:

- All non-essential travel is prohibited, please contact the Kwigillingok IRA Council Office for further information at 907-588-8117 or 907-588-2025.

- People who are returning to the community will have a mandatory 14-day quarantine in which they are to have no contact with other people for the protection of our people. The quarantine shall last at least 14 days, even if the person is healthy and shows no symptoms. If the quarantined person does become sick, quarantine shall last for 14 days from the last date they report symptoms, or until medical attention is needed.
- A Quarantine Task Force will be created with members appointed by the Council.
- The NVK Border Patrol will monitor people at the airport, place of boat, ATV, snowmachine traffic area and direct them to a quarantine facility in the event a person has tested positive for COVID-19.
- People traveling from other villages via snowmachine, ATV or boat are required to report to the Border Patrol to comply with the 14-day quarantine or be forbidden from entering Tribal Lands.
- While a person is quarantined, no visitors shall be allowed in the same room because the sickness is spread through the air and can live for days on surfaces near the infected person.
- The NVK Quarantine Care Personnel will monitor and provide the necessary daily support to individuals/families under quarantine.
- Elders and people with existing health conditions need to stay at home and limit contact with others substantially. Maintaining a distance of at least six feet can protect a person from a cough or sneeze but the virus can live on surfaces like a table or door handle for days.
- No incoming travelers will be allowed from a community that is on a lockdown status.
- All persons entering Kwigillingok must abide by the Native Village of Kwigillingok COVID-19 mandates.
- All selling of food, crafts, and other items by social media or otherwise is now prohibited during the pandemic.
- Non-compliance with these mandates is a serious health risk to our community and residents. The Native Village of Kwigillingok will confiscate Snomachines, ATV's, or Boats that are not complying with these mandates. All violators will be subject to immediate citations and further actions by the Kwigillingok Tribal Court.

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CERTIFICATION

This Declaration was passed by the Kwigillingok IRA Council, of which a quorum was present, with a vote of 4 yes; and 0 no; and 0 abstaining, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

Signed: *E. D. P. C.*  
President:

Attested By: *Jilly Carter*  
Secretary: