Introduced By: City Manager Date: 12/28/2020

Action: Approved Vote: 5 Yes, 1 No

## CITY OF SELDOVIA RESOLUTION 21-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA FURTHER EXTENDING THE DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF SELDOVIA ORIGINALLY ISSUED ON MARCH 20, 2020 AND RATIFIED BY CITY COUNCIL DUE TO THE IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY TO MARCH 31, 2021

**WHEREAS**, The City Manager of the City of Seldovia issued a Local Disaster Emergency Declaration March 20, 2020, per AS 26.23.140 and the Seldovia Emergency Operations Plan, due to the current and expected impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the City of Seldovia; and

**WHEREAS**, The declaration activated the City's Emergency Response Plan and permitted the City to request disaster assistance from the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seldovia received both financial and operational disaster assistance from the State of Alaska and Kenai Peninsula Borough to respond to and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on the City; and

WHEREAS, Financial assistance from the State of Alaska and Kenai Peninsula Borough was allocated to the City with Coronavirus Relief Funds released through executed grant agreements; and

WHEREAS, Ongoing operational assistance from the State and Borough has continued to help the City with planning, mitigation, response, community health, and staff support in regards to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, With this financial and operational support, the City has been able to redistribute Coronavirus Relief Funds to provide assistance to affected City of Seldovia businesses and individuals while helping the City itself mitigate COVID-19's various impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 27, 2020, the City's Emergency Declaration was ratified and extended for a period of 90 days by Resolution 20-23 and expired June 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On June 22, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution 20-31, further extending the Disaster Emergency Declaration for 90 days, which expired September 23, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** On September 14, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution 21-07, further extending the Disaster Emergency Declaration through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, While the City, State and Nation move towards reopening business and resuming certain activities, the City of Seldovia expects the continued impact of COVID-19, including public health risks and economic impacts, will require the City to still be eligible for receiving all assistance made possible with an emergency declaration in place; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the City to further extend the Disaster Emergency Declaration originally issued by the City Manager and ratified by Seldovia City Council until March 31, 2021, which aligns with the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA:

- **Section 1.** That the City Council of the City of Seldovia further extends, until March 31, 2021, or until repealed sooner, the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency originally issued on March 20, 2020, and subsequently extended by this Council through legislation, due to the impacts of the COVID-19 health emergency.
- **Section 2.** That the City requests that the State of Alaska and Kenai Peninsula Borough provide disaster assistance to the City by making available resources as needed in the ongoing response and recovery from the current and potential impacts of this health emergency, to provide individual assistance for the affected businesses and individuals, and to provide technical expertise and guidance, to help the City in its response and recovery from this event.
- **Section 3.** That the City additionally requests assistance from federal agencies where state or borough capability is not adequate.
- **Section 4.** That a copy of this declaration will be promptly filed with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Kenai Peninsula Office of Emergency Management.

**Section 5.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

Heidi Geagel, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Jeremiah Campbell, Mayor