



RESOLUTION 2020-06

EXTENDING DISASTER DECLARATION AND STATE OF EMERGENCY TO THE GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL BAN

WHEREAS, The Chignik Lake Village (herein the "Council") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe listed in the Secretary of the Interior's annual list of federally recognized Tribes issued in accordance with the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes List Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-454, see 85 Fed. Reg. 5462, 5466 (Jan, 30, 2020), and

WHEREAS, The Council is a federally recognized Tribe for the Community of Chignik Lake, and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2 of the Chignik Lake Village By-laws allows for special meetings at the Call of the Council President or 3 or more Council members, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the By-laws, the Council held a Special Emergency Meeting on March 26, 2020 and on April 28, 2020 and April 29, 2020 to address the global COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020 a Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Alaska's Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020, and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, To slow the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issued its seventeenth health mandate, based on its authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The CDC has recommended that all persons at higher risk of COVID-19 avoid all nonessential air travel, and the U.S. State Department has advised all U.S. Citizens to avoid all international travel; and

WHEREAS, The Council strongly recommends residents of Chignik Lake to hunker-down in their homes, sheltering-in-place during this pandemic by staying at home as much as possible, except to work in certain critical jobs; to buy, sell, or deliver groceries or other important goods; to receive or provide health care; and to get fresh air without contacting others. On the limited occasions when individuals leave home, they should maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any person outside their household whenever possible. Individuals are also encouraged to practice recommended hygiene, including regular hand washing and disinfecting their homes; and

WHEREAS, Rural Alaska suffered terribly from the great flu pandemic of 1918-1919, but few villages successfully avoided infection by imposing rigid quarantines and preventing outsiders from entering; and

WHEREAS, On April 3, 2020, The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services issued Health Alert 10: Recommendations Regarding the Use of Cloth Face Coverings, which aligns with current national guidance, to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 due to scientific evidence available indicating that asymptomatic and presymptomatic shedding of the virus that causes COVID-19 is occurring; and

WHEREAS, Due to ongoing spread of COVID-19 within Alaska, the Council is increasingly concerned for the health and wellbeing of our members, tribal community of Chignik Lake and the Bristol Bay region; and

WHEREAS, Attachment B of State Mandate 12 defines Chignik Lake as a small community and gives authority to the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council firstly requires everyone travelling to Chignik Lake to submit Chignik Lake Village Council Covid-19 travel forms; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety and health of our community and all of its residents and visitors, the Council requires any critical infrastructure or critical personal needs traveler coming from an area with active Covid-19 community spread or who had been to an area with active Covid-19 within the 10 days prior to travelling to Chignik Lake to submit we are Chignik Lake Village Council COVID-19 Travel documentation and receive approval from the Council prior to travelling into Chignik Lake. The following additional requirements are due to the Council prior to travel:

1. Chignik Lake Village Council Travel Form
2. Documentation of a Covid-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to travel
3. Statement of limited contact for 72 hours prior to travel
4. Must self-quarantine for a period no less than 10 days. Quarantine is defined as a state, period, or place of isolation in which people or animals that have arrived from elsewhere or been exposed to infectious or contagious disease are placed.
 - If you are unable to self-quarantine, all contacts are required to quarantine to the end of travelers' quarantine.
 - Critical infrastructure employees will be allowed to travel between housing and their place of work but must wear a mask during travel and limited their contact to same place employees during the 10-day quarantine requirement.
 - On the 7th day of quarantine an optional negative test presented to the Council along with mandated social distancing and wearing a mask may release you for the remaining days if approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council will continue to work with the Borough, State, Federal, and Tribal partners to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the global pandemic of COVID-19, the Chignik Lake Village Council hereby declares a State of Emergency and Disaster for our tribal community of Chignik Lake, Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution replaces and supersedes Chignik Lake Village Council Resolution 2020-02 and Chignik Lake Village Council Resolution 2020-03.

CERTIFICATION:

This resolution was duly considered and adopted at a special meeting called on the 7th day of September 2020 of the Chignik Lake Village Council in Chignik Lake, Alaska; where a quorum of the council was present.

ATTEST:


Clinton Boskofsky, Vice President

9/7/2020 ..
Date

WITNESS:


Francine Isenberg, Council Member

9/7/2020
Date