

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Certifying the Declaration of Emergency in the Haines Borough Based on the Risk to the Public posed by the Global COVID-19 Pandemic and the Substantial Economic Impacts to the Haines Borough**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus (virus), a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the virus a pandemic; Alaska Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; and on March 13, 2020 President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, at least nine positive case of COVID-19 have been identified within the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Dunleavy closed all schools in Alaska for two weeks; public access was limited to municipal facilities and services in the Haines Borough; nonessential municipal meetings were canceled until March 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Prime Minister of Canada closed all cruise ship ports in Canada until July 2020, which will dramatically impact the summer tourism season in Haines with a substantial effect to the Haines economy; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Haines Borough Manager activated the Haines Borough Emergency Operations Command (EOC); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, Governor Dunleavy closed all state libraries, museums and archives until March 31, 2020 and returned residential students to their home communities; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, Governor Dunleavy closed public dine-in service at **all bars, breweries, restaurants, food and beverage kiosks or trucks located in the State of Alaska effective March 18, 2020 and imposed a 14-day quarantine on those entering the State of Alaska from identified High Risk Areas and imposed social distancing requirements for those who have traveled outside the State of Alaska in the last 14 days; and**

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, the Haines Borough Manager closed Borough facilities to the public until March 31, 2020 to encourage social distancing, minimize the congregation of citizens and enable staff to continue to serve the public via telephone and email; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, the Haines Borough Mayor issued a Declaration of Emergency for the Haines Borough to alert the public to the seriousness of the risk, and provide direction to sources of information and other available public health resources, while the

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Haines Borough works in cooperation with other local and state agencies through the EOC to implement actions and responses to address the probable COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough Declaration of Emergency was given prompt and general publicity and was filed promptly with the Alaska division of homeland security and emergency management; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, the President of the United States and Prime Minister of Canada closed the border between the US and Canada to nonessential travel; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AS 26.23.140, the declaration of local emergency issued by the Mayor on March 17, 2020, may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days, except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly, in accordance with the recommendations of the Mayor and Haines Borough Emergency Operations Command, by this resolution certifies a declaration of emergency in the Haines Borough based on the risk to the public posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic and the substantial economic impacts to the Haines Borough. 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. This emergency declaration is in effect until the virus no longer poses a health or financial emergency in the community.

**Effective Date and Duration:** This requirement shall go into effect March 24, 2020 and will be reevaluated on April 28, 2020.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 24th day of March, 2020.

Attest:

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Janice Hill, Mayor

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Alekkka Fullerton, CMC, Borough Clerk