CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA RESOLUTION 01-21-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA, RETROACTIVELY APPROVING EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-10, THEREBY CONTINUING THE CITY'S DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ARISING FROM COVID-19

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified COVID-19 as a significant public risk; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, The World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, various organizations, agencies, and local governments throughout the State of Alaska continue to restrict public gatherings, school sessions and programs, and other activities as well as non-essential travel in efforts to contain the virus; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of global, federal, state, and local organizations and government entities are changing almost daily in response to new information regarding COVID-19, which requires the City to be able to act swiftly to comply with these recommendations in its emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to be in a state of emergency but is also making efforts to ensure that business operations are able to resume as quickly as responsible in light of the COVID-19 outbreak within the State of Alaska and the City; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 cases have increased throughout the State of Alaska posing greater risk of exposure to COVID-19 within the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Council is eagerly moving towards recovery but wants to ensure that the City has the authority needed to adopt rules, policies, and procedures to mitigate the harms posed by COVID-19 and to seek and qualify for any assistance or funding from federal, state or private entities dedicated to combating emergency needs arising from COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. Emergency Declaration renewal and extension. Council hereby retroactively approves Emergency Order 2020-10, renewing and extending the City's declaration of emergency until June 9, 2021, which was put into effect by City Manager Helen Howarth on December 30, 2020.

Section 2. Request for Assistance. Council hereby reiterates its acknowledgement of the City's need for financial assistance from the United States and the State of Alaska to protect the City from a COVID-19 outbreak within the City and to recover from the economic and health impacts of the threat and outbreak of COVID-19 within the City.

Section 3. Effective Date. The declaration of emergency reiterated in this resolution was effective on December 30, 2020 and shall remain in effect until June 9, 2021, unless renewed by City Council before or retroactive to that date.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

Clay R. Koplin, Mayor

Attest:

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