## CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA RESOLUTION 09-21-39

## A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA EXTENDING THE CITY'S DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ARISING FROM COVID-19

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the City of Cordova has been operating under applicable Declarations of a Local Emergency, which remain in effect until October 1, 2021, unless repealed by City Council; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the State of Alaska had also been operating under applicable Declarations of Public Health Disaster Emergency signed by the Governor of the State of Alaska, Mike Dunleavy, pursuant to and in accordance with the authority granted under Alaska Statute 26.23.020(c), between March 11, 2020, and April 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, Adam Crum, pursuant to and in accordance with the authority granted by the Alaska State Legislature in House Bill 76, Chapter No. 2, SLA 2021, declared a Public Health Emergency effective at 12:02 a.m. on May 1, 2021, which remain in effect until rescinded or until the federal public health emergency issued under Section 319 of the Public Health Services Act expires, whichever is sooner; and

**WHEREAS**, the local emergency continues and has continued since City Council approved Emergency Order 2021-01 renewing and extending the City's Declaration of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to be in a state of emergency due, in large part, to the recent surge in covid-19 cases throughout Alaska due to the Delta variant and the State of Alaska has recognized the lack of healthcare capacity throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to move toward recovery but City Council finds that it is in the Community's best interest to ensure: 1) the City has the necessary authority to adopt rules, policies, and procedures to mitigate the harms posed by COVID-19; 2) the City continues to qualify for public and private COVID-19 emergency assistance and funding; and 3) that the City has the tools necessary to respond to threats posed by COVID-19 variants, both known and unknown; and

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

**Section 1. Emergency Declaration Extended.** City Council hereby reiterates the current state of local emergency in the City arising from COVID-19 and extends the City's Declaration of Emergency until January 15, 2022.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** The Declaration of Emergency extension shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution and shall remain in effect until January 15, 2022, unless renewed by City Council before or retroactive to that date.

## PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

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Clay R. Koplin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk