**LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECLARATION OF COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER**

**WITH REQUEST FOR STATE ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) a public health emergency of international concern;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Health and Human Services Secretary of the United States declared the outbreak a public health emergency for the United States;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska issued a public health disaster emergency declaration for COVID-19 in accordance with Alaska Statute 26.23.900(2)(E);

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency;

WHEREAS, the imminent threat of an outbreak of COVID-19 will impact every community in the State of Alaska and will significantly affect the life and health of Alaskans statewide;

WHEREAS, <community name>, Alaska is preparing for threats to life, illnesses, critical supply shortages (food, water, fuel, medicine), critical workforce shortages, increased healthcare demands, increased water/sanitation service demands, and sustained economic losses requiring emergency protective measures to be taken;

WHEREAS, the <community name> is a political subdivision that has jurisdictional boundaries outside of a recognized borough; **OR** WHEREAS, the <tribal name> is an Alaska Native tribe as defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Pub. L. 93-638, 25 U.S.C. 450b;

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the COVID-19 emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources, and there are insufficient regularly appropriated funds to cover these expenses; and,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the <community/tribe name> declares a disaster emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist in <community name>.

FURTHERMORE, it is requested that the governor of the State of Alaska provide disaster assistance to <community/tribe name> in its preparation, response, and recovery from this event.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the <council name> on this \_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 at which a quorum was present, with a vote of \_\_for, \_\_against, \_\_ abstentions, \_\_absent.

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