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**Resolution 20-07**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF DEERING/DEERING IRA COUNCIL AND THE CITY OF DEERING/DEERING CITY COUCIL TO SUPPORT TRIBAL AND LOCAL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

COVID-19 is a foreign virus that can cause fatal and severe pneumonia and organ failure in elders and people with common existing health conditions including diabetes, asthma, heart disease and lung disease.

COVID-19 is spread through the air and can be breathed in or picked up from surfaces where the germs have landed.

The only method known to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to not have any contact with an infected person. There is no cure.

People infected with COVID-19 may not become sick for up to 14 days but can still pass the dangerous virus silently to others.

**WHEREAS:** THE DEERING CITY COUNCIL IS THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DEERING, AND.

**WHEREAS:** The Deering IRA Council is the Tribal Governing Body for the Native Village of Deering, and.

**WHEREAS:** The foreign disease novel coronavirus COVID-19 has spread throughout the world and has now been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**Whereas:** COVID-19 can be deadly for elders and people with common existing health complications; and

**WHEREAS:** COVID-19 is spread through the air from person to person through breathing, coughing, or sneezing and from contact by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it; and

**WHEREAS:** The President of the United States has issued guidance intended to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Native Village of Deering/Deering IRA Council, City of Deering/Deering City Council declares a Public Health Emergency to protect our community from the new threat COVID-19. We will follow the guidance of the Center for Disease Control and health professionals in implementing urgent health strategies. To protect our people, our community, and our traditional way of life from this sickness, the following policies and strategies will be formally adopted, effective immediately:

- All non-essential travel is prohibited. Essential travel such as medical appointments will be permitted to Kotzebue. If travel is outside of region, person (s) must quarantine for 14 days upon return. Essential travel, if possible, shall be postponed until the COVID-19 threat has subsided. All travel needs prior approval from our Mayor, Alvin Iyatunguk Sr. via aircraft, snow machine, ATV and/or boat.

- Effective until 11:59 p.m. June 7th, 2020. Residents who are returning to the community will have a mandatory 14-day quarantine in which they are to have no contact with other residents for the protection of our people. The quarantine shall last at least 14 days, even if the person is healthy and shows no symptoms. If the quarantined person does become sick, quarantine shall last for 14 days from the last date they report symptoms, or until medical attention is needed. Residents returning from Red Dog or other related out of town work are required to quarantine for 7-days symptom free.

- Residents out of town that are tested positive or that have been exposed to another person tested positive to Covid-19 are required to follow Maniilaq protocol to quarantine in Kotzebue for 14-days. Upon completion of the 14-day quarantine residents may return to Deering without having to quarantine for another 14-days if they go straight from the quarantine location to the airport.

- A Quarantine Task Force will be created with members appointed by the Councils.

- The Quarantine Task Force will meet people at the airport and direct them to a quarantine facility. Any person arriving who refuses quarantine shall be forbidden from entering Tribal Lands because of the danger they pose.

- People traveling from other villages via aircraft, snow machine, ATV or boat are required to report to the Quarantine Task Force to comply with the 14-day quarantine or be forbidden from entering Tribal and City Lands.

- While a person is quarantined, no visitors shall be allowed in the same house because the sickness is spread through the air and can live for days on surfaces near the infected person. Residents of the same residence in which a person(s) to be quarantine are asked to find other means of living until the quarantine timeframe is through. If a person visits a person on quarantine, that person(s) must quarantine for 14 days.

- The Tribal Government Staff will organize resources to bring food to individuals in quarantine.

- Quarantine locations may include the school, utility buildings with an office or other locations where a person can stay for 14 days in isolation.

- Elders and people with existing health conditions need to stay at home and limit contact with others substantially. Maintaining a distance of at least six feet can protect a person from a cough or sneeze but the virus can live on surfaces like a table or door handle for days.

CERTIFICATION
This Declaration was passed and approved by the Deering IRA Council - Traditional Council, of which a quorum was present, with a vote of 4 yes; and ~~0~~ no; and ~~0~~ abstaining, on this 21st day of May 2020.

Signed: _____ Attested By: _____
Calvin Moto II.-Tribal President: Bobbie Sue Thomas-Treasurer:

CERTIFICATION
This Declaration was passed by and approved by the City of Deering – Deering City Council, of which a quorum was present, with a vote of 4 yes; and ~~0~~ no; and ~~0~~ abstaining, on this 21st day of May 2020.

Signed: _____ Attested By: _____
Alvin Iyatunguk Sr. - Mayor: Daisy Weinard – Vice-Mayor: