



Northwest Arctic Borough

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NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER TO ADDRESS COVID-19 AND THE DELTA VARIANT

WHEREAS: on March 11, 2020, Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy, under the authority granted by Alaska Statute 26.23.050(c), issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS: on March 25, 2020, the Borough Assembly ratified Mayor Nelson's March 18, 2020 Proclamation of Emergency Disaster due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: that emergency disaster proclamation to combat COVID-19 was extended through July 31, 2021, at which time it expired and was not renewed based on an extended period of time in the Borough without significant COVID-19 infections; and

WHEREAS: since that time, the Northwest Arctic Borough has seen an alarming and dramatic spike in the number of COVID-19 cases in the Borough, including the highly transmittable Delta Variant; and

WHEREAS: the current outbreak of COVID-19 poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of Northwest Arctic Borough residents that will worsen without immediate action to curb this highly-infectious disease; and

WHEREAS: under Chapter 12.16 of the Borough Code, the Mayor is responsible for meeting dangers presented by disasters to the Borough and its people, and may issue orders, proclamations, and regulations to address those disasters; and

WHEREAS, a Borough-wide response authorized under NABC § 1.08.010 is needed to fully address this condition of public health emergency.

THEREFORE on this 12th day of August, 2021, under the authority granted by NABC § 12.16.060, I hereby declare that a condition of public health disaster emergency exists in the Northwest Arctic Borough, and this condition is of

sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a public health disaster emergency declaration in order to provide assistance and take necessary action.

FURTHER, this declaration allows the Borough to request assistance from the State of Alaska, including funds, services, or materials deemed necessary to meet needs stemming from COVID-19 and the Delta Variant.

FURTHER, this declaration authorizes the Mayor to implement measures necessary to prevent the spread of disease, and to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 and the Delta Variant.

Lucy S. Nelson for Mayor Nelson
Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

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