NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 21-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY RATIFYING AND EXTENDING THE
MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY
PROCLAMATION FOR COVID-19 AND THE OMICRON
VARIANT, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS: on August 12, 2021, the Borough issued an Emergency
Proclamation Declaration of Public Health Disaster in response to the increasing
threat of COVID-19 and the Omicron Variant to the Northwest Arctic Borough
under NABC § 12.16.060; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 and the Omicron Variant continue to spread in
Alaska and reported cases continue to rise; and

WHEREAS: the ongoing threat of an outbreak of COVID-19 and the
Omicron Variant in the Borough is significantly affecting the life and health of
Borough residents; and

WHEREAS: because of Borough communities’ isolation, lack of
immediate resources, and overcrowded housing, Borough residents are
particularly vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: the surges in COVID-19 cases have created significant
shortage of available hospital beds and medical resources across the State of
Alaska; 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: under NABC § 12.16.060(D), the Assembly must review a
Mayoral disaster emergency declaration for extension; and

WHEREAS: a continued Borough-wide response authorized under
Chapter 12.16 is needed to fully address this continued condition of public health
emergency.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly declares that a continuing condition of public health disaster emergency exists in the Northwest Arctic Borough due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Omicron Variant, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: this disaster emergency declaration will continue through March 31, 2022 unless otherwise terminated or modified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: 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 Omicron Variant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST: