

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 20-12**

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

WHEREAS: on March 18, 2020, Mayor Nelson issued an Emergency Proclamation Declaration of Public Health Disaster in response to the imminent threat of COVID-19 to the Northwest Arctic Borough under NABC § 12.16.060; and

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 the anticipated COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS: Governor Dunleavy has issued subsequent COVID-19 Health Mandates to prevent or slow the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS: the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has certified that the spread of COVID-19 in Alaska meets the definition of “disaster” codified at Alaska Statute 26.23.900(2)(E); and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 continues to spread in Alaska and reported cases continue to rise; and

WHEREAS: the imminent threat of an outbreak of COVID-19 in the Borough will significantly affect 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: 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 within seven days of issuance to terminate or extend; and

WHEREAS: a 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, 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 April 30, 2020 unless otherwise terminate 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH 2020.



Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH 2020.



Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH 2020.



Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

