

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 20-84**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST  
ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY 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 extended this disaster declaration for 30 days through December 15, 2020, in light of the rapid spread of COVID-19 that threatens the immediate health and safety of all Alaskans; 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:** under the Resolution 20-12, the Assembly ratified Mayor Nelson's public health disaster emergency declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; 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 continues to 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:** a Borough-wide response authorized under Chapter 12.16 remains necessary to fully address this continued condition of public health emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly extends the public health disaster emergency declaration in order to provide assistance and take necessary action to address the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** this disaster emergency declaration will continue through April 30, 2021 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 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.**

  
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**Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.**

  
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**Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor**

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.



**Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk**

**ATTEST:**

