

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 21-17**

**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: 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 constitute a serious and imminent threat to the health and safety of our region; and

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

WHEREAS: although some Borough communities have high vaccination rates, others remain at low percentages and well below the herd-immunity threshold of seventy percent; 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.

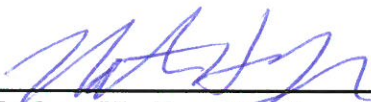
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly extends the public health disaster emergency declaration in order to provide assistance and take necessary action to address the COVID-19 pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: this disaster emergency declaration will continue through July 31, 2021 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL 2021.




Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL 2021.



Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL 2021.



Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk
ATTEST:

