

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 21-48**

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

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

WHEREAS: COVID-19 and the Delta 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 Delta 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 recent surge in COVID-19 cases has created a 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 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 of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Delta 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 September 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 and the Delta Variant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.



Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.



Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

Helena Pardo

Helena, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

