

**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.

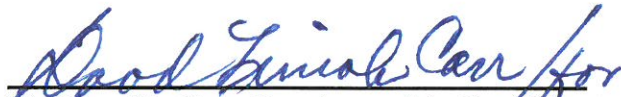
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly declares that a continuing condition of public health disaster emergency exists in the Northwest Arctic Borough due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Omicron Variant, and this condition is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant 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 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.**

  
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Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.**

  
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Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

**SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.**

  
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Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

**ATTEST:**

