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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2921

A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Extending the Local Emergency Declaration in Response to COVID-19 and a Request for State and Federal Assistance.

A. WHEREAS, a local emergency disaster was declared due to COVID-19 with Resolution 2884 that expires on November 24, 2020; and

B. WHEREAS, since Resolution 2884, more than 600 people in the community have had COVID-19, community members have been hospitalized and died due to COVID-19, people are wearing masks and socially distancing to minimize spread of COVID-19, and the economy was devastated by a lack of a cruise ship season and historically low salmon returns; and

C. WHEREAS, the Assembly is grateful for the \$53 million of CARES Act funds, which it has diligently appropriated to provide emergency economic and public health assistance for the community through the December 30, 2020, requirement of the CARES Act; and

D. WHEREAS, Alaska is currently experiencing a second significant wave of COVID-19 positive cases in which multiple communities are in High or Very High alert levels; and

E. WHEREAS, while public health mitigation measures have helped minimize the spread of COVID-19 and medical care of patients has improved since the SARS-CoV-2 virus was detected earlier this year, vaccine development and distribution is still underway; and

F. WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent threat to human health, safety, and welfare to the residents of the City and Borough of Juneau ("CBJ"); and

G. WHEREAS, it is essential to implement local emergency powers given the potential ability of the virus to cause death or injury to people, necessitating measures to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

H. WHEREAS, in order to contain any potential harm that may be caused by the virus, State and Federal assistance is needed to supplement local efforts to respond to this public health emergency; and

I. WHEREAS, the CBJ requests the Governor of Alaska to provide State assistance to the CBJ in its response to the virus and the provision of other funds, services, functions, supplies, or materials determined by the Manager, in consultation with local emergency agencies, to be

necessary to meet the public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from the damages caused; and

J. WHEREAS, the CBJ Assembly further authorizes the Manager to implement any orders necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and to take measures to ensure that all cases of contagious disease are subject to proper control and treatment; and

K. WHEREAS, the Manager should seek Assembly approval prior to issuing any orders (1) related to private property, (2) related to mass quarantine or isolation, or (3) related to rationing of goods or supplies; and

L. WHEREAS, a public health related order, if any, shall be consistent with federal or state public health official recommendations; and

M. WHEREAS, the provisions of CBJC 53.50 may be suspended as provided under CBJC 53.50.090(l), providing for the purchase of supplies, services, and items during, and for the purpose of alleviating, a class 2 emergency, which the Manager declared on March 12, 2020; and

N. WHEREAS, all resources of the municipal government, including CBJ personnel, are hereby available as necessary to deal with the emergency and municipal departments, agencies, and/or personnel may be transferred or altered in function for the purpose of performing or facilitating performance services responsive to this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau hereby declares a local emergency to exist within the City and Borough of Juneau. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed promptly with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

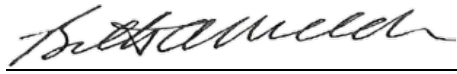
Section 2. The City and Borough requests that the Governor of Alaska provide such State assistance as may be available to meet the ongoing emergency created by COVID-19 and to request additional assistance from Federal agencies where State capability is not adequate.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption. Because of the ongoing nature of the emergency, this declaration of local emergency shall remain in effect until May 25, 2021, or until a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine is widely available in the community, whichever occurs first.

Adopted this 23rd day of November, 2020.

Attest:


Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk


Beth A. Weldon, Mayor