



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

RESOLUTION 20-09

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DECLARATION OF COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER WITH REQUEST FOR STATE ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) a public health emergency of international concern; and,

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Health and Human Services Secretary of the United States declared the outbreak a public health emergency for the United States; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska issued a public health disaster emergency declaration for COVID-19 in accordance with Alaska Statute 26.23.900(2)(E); and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the imminent threat of an outbreak of COVID-19 will impact every community in the State of Alaska and will significantly affect the life and health of Alaskans statewide; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Paul Island, Alaska is preparing for threats to life, illnesses, critical supply shortages (food, water, fuel, medicine), critical workforce shortages, increased healthcare demands, increased water/sanitation service demands, and sustained economic losses requiring emergency protective measures to be taken; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is a political subdivision that has jurisdictional boundaries outside of a recognized borough; and,

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the COVID-19 emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources, and there are insufficient regularly appropriated funds to cover these expenses; and,

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020 the Saint Paul City Council unanimously passed Resolution 20-06 declaring the coronavirus threat and impact a public health emergency subject to provision of Chapter 8.10 of the City of Saint Paul Code of Ordinances; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby declares a disaster emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist in St. Paul Island, Alaska; and,

FURTHERMORE, it is requested that the governor of the State of Alaska provide disaster assistance to the City of Saint Paul in its preparation, response, and recovery from this event.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Saint Paul City Council on this 13th day of April 2020 at which a quorum was present, with a vote of __for, __against, __ abstentions, __absent.

Jacob Mercurief, Mayor

Attest:

Monique Baker, City Clerk