

CITY OF SAINT PAUL ALASKA

RESOLUTION 20-06 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND A RESOLUTION BANNING NONESSENTIAL TRAVEL

WHEREAS, the United State Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and that is a new strain of the coronavirus not previously identified in humans, as posing a significant health risk;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Alaska Governor Michael Dunleavy declared that a condition of public health disaster emergency exists statewide, and the condition is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a public health disaster emergency declaration in order to provide assistance;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Alaska Governor Michael Dunleavy issued a health alert strongly advising Alaskans against taking non-essential in state and out of state travel with specific heightened concern for travel to remote areas with limited medical resources, and strongly advising travelers who leave a community with known cases of COVID-19 to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival to their destination community;

WHEREAS, the imminent threat of an outbreak of COVID-19 could severely impact the City of Saint Paul;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest and welfare of the City to take all reasonable precautionary measures to safeguard itself from the threat of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE COUNCIL:

- 1. Declares the coronavirus threat and impact a public health emergency subject to the provisions of the Chapter 8.10 of the City of Saint Paul Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Authorizes the taking of all necessary steps to coordinate banning passenger travel and transportation in and out of the City until April 15, 2020 except for essential travel or as set forth below. "Essential travel" includes emergency and essential medical travel, travel to provide essential goods and services to the City, including freight, cargo, and mail services, and travel necessary for the critical infrastructure of the community, including the critical industries and entities referenced in Attachment A to Alaska's Health Mandate 10.1 issued on March 23, 2020 and other municipal, tribal, state and federal facilities. There is also an exception to allow non-resident, seasonal employees to enter and leave Saint Paul Island, provided they follow the pandemic response plan they provided to the State pursuant to appropriate State of Alaska Health Mandates and Alerts. All City residents permitted to travel pursuant to this Resolution are required to self-

isolate for 14 days following their return.

FURTHER, this resolution shall be extended as necessary, each extension being for a finite period of time, by the City Council by a vote of the City Council by the City Clerk or designee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS ___ DAY OF ____ 2020 BY __ IN FAVOR __ OPPOSED AND __ ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

Jacob Merculief, Mayor

Monique Baker, City Clerk