

Akiak Native Community

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Resolution 20-03-06

Resolution of the Akiak Native Community Akiak IRA Council DECLARATION OF COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER WITH REQUEST FOR STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 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;

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;

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

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);

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

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;

WHEREAS, Akiak, 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;

WHEREAS, the Akiak Native Community is an Alaska Native tribe as defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Pub. L. 93-638, 25 U.S.C. 450b;

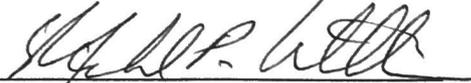
WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the COVID-19 emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources, and there are insufficient regularly appropriated funds to cover these expenses; and,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Akiak Native Community declares a disaster emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist in Akiak, Alaska

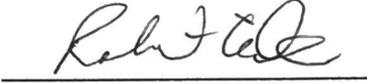
FURTHERMORE, it is requested that the governor of the State of Alaska provide disaster assistance to Akiak Native Community in Akiak , Alaska in its preparation, response, and recovery from this event.

FURTHERMORE, It is requested that the President of the United States provide disaster assistance to Akiak Native Community in its preparation response and recovery from this event.

This resolution was passed and approved this 26 day of March, 2020 by the Akiak IRA Council with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, __ abstentions, 1 absent.



Michael Williams, Chief



Robert Williams, Sec/Treasurer