



DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus (virus), a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the virus a pandemic; Alaska Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; and on March 13, 2020 President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, positive cases of COVID-19 have been identified within the State of Alaska; and

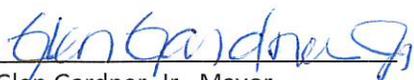
WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Dunleavy closed all schools in Alaska for two weeks; public access was limited to municipal facilities and services in Sandpoint. Nonessential municipal meetings are canceled until March 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has the potential to disrupt the local and regional commercial fishing industry which could have a large negative impact on local residents' livelihoods and City revenues; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency will alert the public to the seriousness of the risk, and provide direction to sources of information and other available public health resources, all while the City of Sand Point works in cooperation with other local and state agencies to implement actions and responses to address the COVID-19 outbreak;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I now declare an emergency in the City of Sand Point based on the risk to the public posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic and the substantial economic impacts to the City of Sand Point. As provided by AS 26.23.140, the intent of this declaration is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster or emergency plans, and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under those plans. Further, I hereby request that the City Council continue this declaration until it feels that the virus does not pose a health or financial emergency in the community.

Signed this 23th day of March, 2020


Glen Gardner, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST: Shannon Sommer, Clerk 