AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-05

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOONAH FINDING THE EXISTENCE OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-04 AND EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 03-26-20; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE RESOLUTION NOS. 20-03-02 AND 20-03-03 AND THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 03-20-20, ISSUED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR ON March 20, 2020; SEEKING STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE; AND ISSUING CERTAIN HEALTH ADVISORIES AND REQUESTS CONSISTENT WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW

WHEREAS: the City Council, the Mayor and the City Administrator issued Resolution Nos. 20-03-02 and 20-03-03 and the Declaration of a Local Emergency Order No. 03-20-20 related to the outbreak of COVID-19 (herein together, the “Resolutions and Emergency Order”), consistent with all powers and duties conferred to them under the Hoonah City Code, Title 29 of Alaska Statutes, and other State and Federal Law; and

WHEREAS: the City of Hoonah concurs with all statements and findings contained in the Resolutions and Emergency Order, and seeks to fully incorporate them by reference into this Emergency Resolution as Appendix A; and

WHEREAS: under AS 29.25.030, “to meet a public emergency,” the Hoonah City Council “may adopt an emergency [resolution] effective upon adoption,” provided such ordinance or resolution contains a finding by the City Council that an emergency exists and may be adopted, amended and adopted, or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced; and

WHEREAS: the Hoonah City Council seeks to exercise the maximum degree of local authority available to the City Council in order to contain and mitigate the outbreak of COVID-19 in the City of Hoonah and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS: the Hoonah City Council seeks to amend and restate City of Hoonah Resolution 20-03-04 and Emergency Order No. 03-26-20 with this Resolution; and

WHEREAS: the residents of Game Creek Farm, which is outside the City boundaries shall be treated and considered residents of the City of Hoonah for the purpose of this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOONAH, ALASKA:

Section 1. Finding of Local Disaster Emergency. The Hoonah City Council hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the Resolutions and Emergency Order. A copy of this Resolution and Appendix A shall be filed promptly with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
Section 2. Request for State and Federal Funding Assistance. The City of Hoonah 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. Civil Immunity Asserted. In adopting and enforcing this Resolution, the City and its councilmembers, agents, officers, and employees assert and maintain all immunities and indemnifications provided for under AS 09.65.070, under the Hoonah Municipal Code, and any other immunities or indemnifications available in law or equity.

Section 4. Travel and Business Advisories and Requests. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, and consistent with all current State and Federal health laws, advisories, mandates, and guidelines to protect the public health and welfare, the Hoonah City Council advises and requests that:

a) Consistent with State Health Mandate 10.1, all persons arriving into the City of Hoonah from any other part of Alaska and another state or country prior to the travel ban, whether worker, resident, or visitor, must self-quarantine for a period of 14 days, which means do not go to work, school, or public areas, do not go out to buy food, visit the post office, or collect medicine – order them by phone or online, or ask someone else to drop them off at your home; and

b) HOONAH TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS- ALL TRAVEL IN TO HOONAH IS BANNED
With the following exceptions:

i. Emergency First Responders (includes fire, ambulatory services, and other similar emergency first responders.).
ii. Law Enforcement acting within their official duties (this includes federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel); and
iii. Office of Children’s Services personnel responding to reports of child abuse and neglect and insuring child safety.

c) Consistent with State Health Mandate 9.1., with the exception of urgent and emergent health care needs and facilities, all businesses, congregations, or gatherings in the City of Hoonah where individuals are within six feet of each other must cease all operations; and

d) Consistent with, but restrictive than State Health Mandate 9.1, because of the City of Hoonah’s unique situation, no gatherings of more than 4 people (except those persons that reside together in a dwelling) may take place, and if such a gathering does take place, people must be and remain six feet apart from each other; and

e) The mandates in (a) through (e) of this section remain in effect until the State of Alaska lifts them; and

f) The City is authorized to use the full force available to it under the law, including its police power, to “suppress unlawful assemblies” which come to the City’s knowledge, and “generally keep the peace” (HCC 03.28.060) and to exercise the City’s power to “promote the public, health, safety, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the city” (HCC 03.28.040 and 03.44.020), with respect to activities within the City boundaries;
g) Travelers having returned to Hoonah prior to the ban from any other part of Alaska, regardless of whether they have previously quarantined elsewhere in the State, immediately and voluntarily self-quarantine for a period of 14 days, which means do not go to work, school, or public areas, do not go out to buy food, visit the post office, or collect medicine – order them by phone or online, or ask someone else to drop them off at your home; and

h) If travelers returning to Hoonah, prior to the ban, are not able self-quarantine in a dwelling because of the proximity of other persons in the dwelling, all persons in the dwelling must immediately and voluntarily self-quarantine for a period of 14 days, which means do not go to work, school, or public areas, do not go out to buy food, visit the post office, or collect medicine – order them by phone or online, or ask someone else to drop them off at your home; and

i) Any person that enters a room or dwelling where a person or people are in self-quarantine, must immediately and voluntarily self-quarantine for a period of 14 days, which means do not go to work, school, or public areas, do not go out to buy food, visit the post office, or collect medicine – order them by phone or online, or ask someone else to drop them off at your home; and

j) A resident of Hoonah, that is not required to self-quarantine under this Resolution, may depart and return from the City boundaries for recreational purposes and commercial fishing, so long as the resident is not required to self-quarantine as described in this Resolution; and

k) Consistent with applicable State guidelines and mandates, that all persons in the City of Hoonah stay home as much as possible, except to work in critical workforce infrastructure as defined by the State; to receive or provide health care; and to get fresh air without contacting others. On the limited occasions when individuals leave home, they should maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any person outside their household wherever possible. Individuals are also recommended to practice hygiene, including regular handwashing.

Section 5. Shelter In Place.

a) Residents are encouraged to shelter in place, which means to stay at home as much as possible, to prepare for and mitigate the severity of the COVID-19 outbreak in the City of Hoonah; and

b) Residents are ordered to not panic or hoard, as noted in Section 4, all critical supply chains into Hoonah and businesses will remain open for business; and

c) Residents with children are encouraged to have their children, if in the company of someone from outside the household, to follow social distancing guidelines, described in Section 4, while playing outside and respect others; and

d) Residents are encouraged to educate other residents of the City of Hoonah and request, without force, that others comply with the guidelines in this Resolution.

Section 6. Effective Date. Consistent with AS 29.35.030(c), this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Hoonah City Council and shall remain in effect for two weeks.
Section 7. Classification. This Resolution is not permanent in nature and shall not become a part of the Hoonah City Code.


Gerald Byers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Bidiman, City Clerk

VOTING:
John Murray  Yea  Nay
Amelia Wilson  Yea  Nay
Bill Miller, Jr  Yea  Nay
Stan Savland  Yea  Nay
Shawn McConnell  Yea  Nay
Miguel Contreras  Yea  Nay