

Presented By:
City Manager

Action Taken:
Yes 5
No 0
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CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-20-06-02 (amended)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE COMMUNITY OF NOME DID SUFFER AN ECONOMIC DISASTER DUE TO THE GLOBAL OUTBREAK OF CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has identified the COVID-19 virus as a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans, causing respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and which poses a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, at a special meeting, the Nome Common Council closed certain public facilities and took other action to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State of Alaska recommended implementation of measures identified in the CDC’s Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-20-07, authorizing the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nome enacted emergency measures to limit the spread of COVID-19, including closing City facilities and limiting travel into the Bering Strait Region; and,

WHEREAS, Nome’s economy benefits greatly from tourism during Iditarod, spring birding season, and summer access to surrounding environs of the Seward Peninsula; and,

WHEREAS, the Pandemic has impacted Nome's cruise ship visitation, the Nome fishing industry, the hospitality industry and the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic started during a period where the City of Nome typically receives the majority of its visitors, starting with the Iditarod Sled Dog Race and continuing into spring birding season and the summer cruise ship season; and,

WHEREAS, businesses in the City of Nome that rely on the increased revenues to offset the slow winter revenues over this period have suffered and continue to suffer greatly; and,

WHEREAS, the impact on businesses affects household income, and hence the ability to provide shelter and sustenance, and by extension the City of Nome's tax revenue is not yet completely understood but predicted to be disastrous;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nome Common Council that the Community of Nome did suffer and is still suffering an economic disaster.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 8th day of June, 2020.



JERALD BROWN
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND,
Clerk