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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2021-019**

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR
THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ISSUED DUE TO THE CURRENT AND
EXPECTED IMMINENT IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO JUNE 30, 2021**

WHEREAS, the borough mayor issued a Disaster Emergency Declaration on March 16, 2020, due to the current and expected imminent impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the areas of the Kenai Peninsula Borough outside of the cities; and

WHEREAS, the assembly extended the Disaster Emergency Declaration at its March 17, 2020, June 2, 2020, September 1, 2020, and its December 15, 2020 meetings and it will expire March 31, 2021 if not extended again; and

WHEREAS, the declaration activated the borough's emergency response plan, requested disaster assistance from the State of Alaska by making available resources as needed for the ongoing response and recovery from the current and potential impacts, and enabled the Office of Emergency Management to coordinate a variety of efforts to respond to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the borough continues to incur significant expenses directly related to the pandemic primarily including planning and coordinating the acquisition, storage, distribution and administration of vaccinations at various locations throughout the borough, the ongoing dissemination of information to the public about the pandemic and vaccinations, personal protective equipment to maintain the safety of first responders, and payroll costs for quarantine and overtime backfill; and

WHEREAS, the borough is utilizing emergency response personnel from borough emergency service areas to coordinate the dissemination and administration of the vaccinations throughout the borough outside their service areas, which could not be accomplished without the disaster declaration as service area funds may not be used for such purposes outside their service area, but CARES Act funds are available for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, two temporary employees who are funded by CARES Act funds are also playing a direct role in vaccine-related actions by manning the OEM call center, disseminating public information, helping to coordinate the vaccination programs and related efforts; and

WHEREAS, in order to successfully continue OEM’s role in planning and coordination of COVID vaccinations throughout the borough, processing resource requests, and other responses to the COVID pandemic as the needs arise, it is important to extend the disaster declaration until June 30, 2021 as the borough is continuing to provide daily responses for COVID-19 through its emergency medical service areas, Office of Emergency Management and numerous other departments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the declaration of local disaster emergency issued by the borough mayor on March 16, 2020, is hereby extended to June 30, 2021, to allow for a more complete response. A copy of the declaration of disaster emergency extended by this resolution is attached and incorporated herein by reference.


SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY MARCH, 2021.

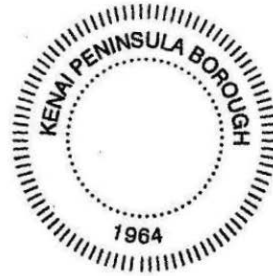


Brent Hibbert, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Jonni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Carpenter, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Dunne, Elam, Johnson, Hibbert
No: None
Absent: None