

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
CITY OF KENAI
CITY OF SOLDOTNA**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-001

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA
BOROUGH AND COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF KENAI AND CITY OF SOLDOTNA,
ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS AND
FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDED PREVENTATIVE MEASURES OF THE CDC TO REDUCE
THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN OUR COMMUNITY DURING
THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

- WHEREAS,** the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic was declared an emergency by the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the City of Kenai and the City of Soldotna; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Dunleavy and Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner Adam Crum have issued health mandates to prevent the spread of the disease; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 poses a significant risk to the health of the community and our local health care system; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Dunleavy has yielded management and mitigation responsibilities of the COVID-19 public health emergency to the local government level; and
- WHEREAS,** maintaining uniformity among the central peninsula communities is a preferred approach to management and mitigation of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** preventative measures are the best defense against the spread of the virus; and
- WHEREAS,** residents of our collective communities are strongly encouraged to practice the mitigation measures listed below which have been recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and have shown to reduce the spread of coronavirus:
- Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when in public settings and in areas where social distancing is not possible (masks should not be placed on young children under age two, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance)
 - Avoid close physical contact and stay at least six feet from other people
 - Wash your hands often
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
 - Avoid going out in public or going to work if you feel ill; and
- WHEREAS,** the economy and wellbeing of our community rests in the hands of individuals who choose to practice good hygiene and are courteous to each other; and
- WHEREAS,** we all have a responsibility to ourselves and each other to keep our community strong and healthy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AND THE COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF KENAI AND CITY OF SOLDOTNA:

- SECTION 1.** Wearing a cloth face covering or mask in public, physical and social distancing, washing your hands, disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, not touching your face and staying home if you feel ill are action that will reduce negative impacts to our local economy during the public health emergency and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and the

Councils of the City of Kenai and City of Soldotna strongly encourage all residents to practice these recommended measures to prevent the spread of disease in our communities.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and the City Councils of the City of Kenai and City of Soldotna.

APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

Brian Gabriel Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Heinz, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

Pete Sprague, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle M. Saner, MMC, City Clerk