

**A DECLARATION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY
WITHIN THE CITY OF ANDERSON FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND
REQUESTING STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

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

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization designated the outbreak of COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified COVID-19 as a significant public health risk; and on March 11, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the COVID-19 anticipated outbreak in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State of Alaska received the first confirmation of the presence of COVID-19 in Alaska and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency in response to the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued a COVID-19 Health Mandate declaring public school days will be non-student contact days between March 16, 2020 and March 30, 2020, in which students will not be attending school and suspending after school activities; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued a COVID-19 Health Mandate closing all bars, breweries, restaurants, food and beverage kiosks or trucks, and other establishments serving food or beverages within the State of Alaska to public dine-in service and closing all entertainment facilities until April 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued a COVID-19 Health Mandate requiring travelers coming into Alaska from CDC Level 3 countries within the last 14 days to stay home and not go to work or school for the 14-day period following their return and requiring travelers coming into Alaska from anywhere outside of Alaska within the last 14 days to keep a six foot distance from others, not go to work or school if they cannot maintain a safe distance from others, avoid crowded places, and limit activities in public; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued a COVID-19 Health Mandate continuing the closure of all public and private schools through May 1st 2020 ; and is now extended to May 21st, 2020, the end of the 2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued Health Mandate 10.1 requiring all persons arriving in Alaska to self-quarantine for 14 days; and

WHEREAS, The City of Anderson Volunteer Fire and EMS provide service to the City of Anderson as well as surrounding areas including providing mutual aid to neighboring departments; and

WHEREAS, due to the current conditions in the area, the City's staff resources are at minimal levels; and

WHEREAS, The City of Anderson public works department is essential to infrastructure of our sewer system employs are taking extra precautions due to test showing sewer systems testing positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the emergency may soon be beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources; and

WHEREAS, the City serves primarily in a support role for the State during its declared emergency; the City is not a public health authority and cannot assume health powers, even upon issuance of a local disaster emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, in order to contain any potential harm that may be caused by the virus, State and Federal assistance may be needed to supplement local efforts to respond to this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, state assistance in response to the virus, including assistance for fire protection, emergency medical services, and the provision of other funds, services, functions, supplies, or materials determined by the Mayor, in consultation with local emergency agencies and partners, may be necessary to meet the public safety and welfare needs arising from or incidental to COVID-19 and to recover from the damages caused; and

WHEREAS, while the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital for the City to be prepared and take all needed precautions throughout the entire timeframe of the emergency related to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Anderson, I hereby declare that a Disaster Emergency exists within the City of Anderson; and

FURTHERMORE, I request that the State of Alaska and the federal government provide State and Federal Public Assistance and Individual Assistance to the City of Anderson in its response and recovery from this event.

PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED this 7th day of April



Trista Jennings
Trista Jennings, City Clerk

Samantha Thompson
Samantha Thompson, Mayor