CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA RESOLUTION CY20-13

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS REGARDING TRAVEL INTO AND OUT OF GUSTAVUS

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

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of the virus in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution CY20-11 declaring a local emergency in the City of Gustavus in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the State of Alaska issued Health Mandate 12: Intrastate Travel – Limiting travel between communities to critical infrastructure critical personal needs to go into effect on March 28, 2020 at 5:00 pm and will be reevaluated by April 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020 the City Council passed Resolution CY20-12 mandating social distancing effective at 11:59pm on March 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Resolution CY20-13 recognizes the provisions of Mandate 12 and incorporates its procedures to the greatest extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, Gustavus is a community that is removed from the road system, has a population smaller than 3,000, and does not house a hub hospital managed by the tribal healthcare system, and therefore is a Small Community defined in the Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order issued in conjunction with COVID-19 Health Mandate 12; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is similar to an emergency declaration and is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances to protect the public, health, welfare, and safety in Gustavus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY GUSTAVUS, ALASKA:

Section 1. This resolution may also be referred to as "COG COVID-19 Rule 2."

Section 2. Orders for compliance with this Resolution follow those issued by the Governor and include the following parts, details can be found within Health Mandate 012 – Intrastate Travel.

Section 3. Prohibition on Intrastate Travel. All in-state travel between Gustavus and any other community, whether resident, worker, or visitor, is prohibited unless to support critical infrastructure, or for critical personal needs, defined as buying, selling, or delivering groceries and home goods; obtaining fuel for vehicles or residential needs; transporting family members for out-of-home care, essential health needs, or for purposes of child custody exchanges; receiving essential health care; providing essential health care to a family member; obtaining other important goods; and engaging in subsistence activities. Travelers are reminded to follow social distancing measures, including, to the extent reasonably feasible, keeping six feet away from others, avoiding crowded places, and limiting public gatherings to less than ten people.

Section 4. Mandated Quarantine for Incoming Passengers. Any person traveling into the City of Gustavus by vessel or airplane shall self-quarantine for 14 days upon arriving in Gustavus and monitor for symptoms of illness. Quarantine applies to family members or others that share the residence of the traveler.

Any person traveling to Gustavus must complete a State of Alaska Travel Declaration Form to the designated repository won arrival in Gustavus and comply with the requirements of Health Mandate 10.

Section 5. No one traveling to or from any community for critical reasons or critical personal travel may be subject to any automatic quarantine or isolation on arrival except as allowed under Alaska Statutes or Health Mandates.

Section 6. Orders for compliance with this Resolution follow those issued by the Governor and include the following parts, details can be found within Health Mandate 012 – Intrastate Travel and Attachment B, Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order amended March 27, 2020:

- I. All in-state travel between communities.
- II. Personal Travel.
- III. Travel for critical reasons or critical personal travel exemption

ORDER APPLICABILITY. In accordance with Attachment B, certain emergency travel is imperative during the COVID-19 pandemic for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Therefore, the following Order applicability is incorporated to this Resolution. This Order is applicable to Alaskan communities that are removed from the road system, have a population smaller than 3,000, and do not house a hub hospital managed by the tribal healthcare system.

SMALL COMMUNITY TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS. A Small Community (as defined above) may adopt travel restrictions that are more restrictive than otherwise permitted in Health Mandate 012. Small Communities may not prohibit, or restrict in any manner, the following emergency travel:

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

DUTIES OF AIR CARRIERS AND OTHER TRAVEL RELATED BUSINESSES. Air carriers and other travel related businesses conducting travel to Small Communities shall inquire if travelers are permitted to travel under this Order and shall rely upon a traveler's assurance that they are eligible to travel. Air carriers and other travel related businesses shall have no other duty or obligation to verify that travelers meet the criteria for permissible travel under this Order.

Section 7. The City Mayor, or designee shall monitor State COVID-19 Health Mandates issued by the Governor and Health Alerts issued by the public health authorities, and to publicize those changes locally with the strong recommendation that they be followed by all residents of and visitors to Gustavus for the duration of their applicability.

Section 8. Effective Date and Duration. This resolution shall be effective at 11:59 p.m. on March 30, 2020. It will remain in effect until April 28, 2020 and will be reevaluated by April 11, 2020.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 30th day of March 2020, and effective upon adoption.

Brittney Cannamore, Acting Mayor

Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk