CITY OF NUIQSUT

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CITY OF NUIQSUT
PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY ORDER EO-06
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NUIQSUT ("CITY") PERSUANT TO CITY OF NUIQSUT RESOLUTION 20-03.

The COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm the health system of the entire State of Alaska. Furthermore, the City has limited health resources and we must take steps to slow and contain the threat; such steps require coordinated community action. This order is put forward to preserve the health and safety of our community.

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO ME BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNDER RESOLUTION 20-03, I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020, TO PRESERVE LIFE IN AND ADJACENT TO THE CITY. THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS HAVE THE POWER OF LAW, SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 11:59 P.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND SHALL SUPERCEDE ALL CONFLICTING LAWS DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS EMERGENCY. [EO-05 IS SUPERCEDED BY THIS EO-06.]

Preamble

The City of Nuiqsut was incorporated as a Second Class City in 1975 under the laws of the State of Alaska. The State of Alaska DCRA certified population in 2018 of Nuiqsut was 481.

Article X, Local Government, Section 1, Purpose and Construction, of the Alaska Constitution, provides, "*The purpose of this article is to provide for maximum local self-government with a minimum of local government units, and to prevent duplication of tax-levying jurisdictions. A liberal construction shall be given to the powers of local government units.*"

The villages around Nome were decimated by the 1918/1919 Spanish Flu pandemic where on October 20, 1918, a flu virus was introduced into Nome by persons traveling to Nome on the S.S. Victoria which killed 162 Native Alaskan residents of Nome in eight days; during the same 1918 flu pandemic only 80 of 150 residents of Teller, near Nome, survived; during the 1918 flu pandemic 170 out of 310 residents of Wales, near Nome, died; however, during the 1918 flu pandemic in the Nome area, the villages of Shishmaref and Shaktoolik by posting guards and enforcing a rigid quarantine were not infected with the flu virus.

As posted on May 20, 2020, on the State of Alaska website, Health Mandate 018: Intrastate Travel, found at **https://covid19.alaska.gov/faq/**, "*It is still possible for smaller communities to enact more protective measures, while understanding that Critical Infrastructure and essential government services workers still need to travel. The Governor will continue to work with all Alaska communities that wish to protect their population based on their unique needs. Communities wishing to enact more stringent requirements should reach out to engage in this dialogue.*"

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1. All residents of the City should practice social distancing and good personal hygiene as much as possible, in order to minimize any further spread of COVID-19.

2. Residents are no longer required to stay home nor are they required to work from home. Businesses that wish to re-open may do, if they so choose, so long as they follow the State of Alaska guidance found at **https://covid19.alaska.gov/reopen/**.

3. Residents who can conduct business via telephone or electronic communications are encouraged to do so as much as possible.

4. When outside of the home, residents should maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from any person outside their household whenever possible and practice recommended hygiene.

5. It is strongly recommended, in accordance with the Center for Disease Control guidance, that certain residents should take even greater precaution: Anyone particularly at-risk from COVID-19 should reduce exposure by staying home, not physically going to work, and not doing their own shopping, if possible. These include any individuals 60 years of age and older, and individuals with a serious underlying medical condition. Members of households with these individuals should also implement these more stringent guidelines.

6. If you are sick or suspect you may have the COVID-19 virus, and have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, call the City of Nuiqsut Health Clinic before you go to the Clinic and then follow the directions given to you by the Clinic. This will help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and our community.

7. All residents who plan to return to the City of Nuiqsut from any other location are encouraged for their protection and the health and safety of their families, friends and residents of Nuiqsut to obtain a COVID-19 test before departing for their trip to Nuqisut **and must** self-monitor for 24-hours once they arrive in Nuiqsut and if any signs of COVID-19 appear – temperature, dry-cough and/or shortness of breath - should contact the Clinic immediately. Visitors, guests, and residents shall practice social distancing as much as possible and follow good personal hygiene.

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8. Residents shall follow all health mandates issued by Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska Department of Health and Human Series (DHSS) which can be found at **https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/** and the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) which can be found at **https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance-list.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc**.

9. *Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order*, formerly Attachment "A" originally issued on March 27, 2020, first amended on April 10, 2020 and last amended on May 5, 2020, shall be followed by all persons and entities coming into and working in the City of Nuiqsut. This Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and can be found at **http://dl.icdst.org/pdfs/files3/6fbcee1e552b0a1adc0fd488d9dc2f65.pdf.**

10. Persons and companies travelling into the City of Nuiqsut for critical infrastructure jobs shall submit a travel, protective and work plan to **akcovidplans@ak-prepared.com** and the City of Nuiqsut [**mayor@cityofnuiqsut.org**] and [**joe@jwevanslaw.com**] for review and approval. Guidance for this type of critical infrastructure travel, protective and work plans can be found at **https://covid19.alaska.gov/unified-command/protective-plans**. This plan shall include, *inter alia*, self-monitoring by employees, wearing of masks by employees during the first 24-hours in Nuiqsut, social distancing, the number of employees coming into the City and how long the employees will be in the City of Nuiqsut and be in compliance with State of Alaska Health Mandate 010.1 and State of Alaska FAQs [**https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/06012020-COVID-MANDATE-010.pdf**] and [**https://covid19.alaska.gov/faq/**], State of Alaska Health Mandate 18, dated May 22, 2020, at **https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/05112020-COVID-MANDATE-018-Intrastate-Travel.pdf** and State of Alaska Health Mandate 10.1, dated August 5, 2020, at **https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/08062020-COVID-MANDATE-010-REVISED.pdf.**

11. The City of Nuiqsut working with its village partners, Native Village of Nuiqsut and Kuukpik Corporation, shall endeavor to provide more public awareness of any COVID-19 developments and COVID-19 events.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2020, at Nuiqsut, Alaska.

The Honorable Mamie Pardue
Mayor, City of Nuiqsut

Attachment: Exhibit "A" - *Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order* [5 pages]