



# Municipality of Skagway

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## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**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 World Health Organization (WHO) declared the virus a pandemic; Alaska Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; and on March 13, 2020 President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, a positive case of COVID-19 has been identified within the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Dunleavy closed all schools in Alaska for two weeks; public access was limited to municipal facilities and services in Skagway; nonessential municipal meetings are canceled until March 30, 2020; and

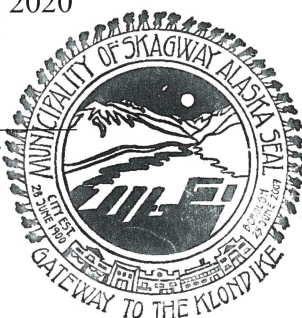
**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Prime Minister of Canada closed all cruise ship ports in Canada until July 2020, which will dramatically impact the cruise ship calls into Skagway with a substantial effect to the Skagway economy; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of emergency will alert the public to the seriousness of the risk, and provide direction to sources of information and other available public health resources, all while the Municipality of Skagway works in cooperation with other local and state agencies through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to implement actions and responses to address the probable COVID-19 outbreak;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the recommendations of the Skagway Emergency Operations Center, I now declare an emergency in the Municipality of Skagway Borough based on the risk to the public posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic and the substantial economic impacts to the Municipality of Skagway. As provided by AS 26.23.140, the intent of this declaration is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster or emergency plans, and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under those plans. Further, I hereby request that the Assembly continue this declaration until it feels that the virus does not pose a health or financial emergency in the community.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

  
Brad Ryan, Borough Manager



ATTEST:

  
Emily Deach, Borough Clerk

Confirmed by Assembly on March 19, 2020