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**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 20-09R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA MANDATING THAT PEOPLE TRAVELING INTO THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY BOROUGH SELF-ISOLATE DUE TO COVID-19.**

**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; 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 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Municipality of Skagway declared an emergency based on the risk to the public posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic and substantial economic impacts to the Municipality of Skagway, which was confirmed by the Assembly on March 19, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the State of Alaska issued Health Mandate 4, which requires high-risk travelers to self-isolate for 14 days and requires medium-risk travelers to stay about six feet away from people; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 23, 2020, the neighboring City and Borough of Juneau had one confirmed COVID-19 case; Ketchikan Gateway Borough had six cases; and the Yukon Territory had two cases; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the State of Alaska issued health mandate 7.1 that generally prohibited close contact with people by prohibiting personal care services and gatherings of 10 or more people in two municipalities, including the Ketchikan Gateway Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the State of Alaska issued Health Alert 9, which strongly advised travelers to take additional social distancing and self-isolation measures and identified that 80-percent of proven COVID-19 cases originally came from out of state; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 23, 2020, the State of Alaska had 32 confirmed COVID-19 cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Skagway is directly linked to the City and Borough of Juneau by daily commercial air traffic and state ferry service, and directly linked to the Yukon Territory via the Klondike Highway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Skagway believes a mandate to self-isolate for travelers is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances to protect the public, health, welfare, and safety in the Municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**Section 1. Traveler Self-Isolation Order.** Any person traveling into the Municipality of Skagway Borough from outside of Alaska or that came from the City and Borough of Juneau, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough or any community with known cases of COVID-19 is required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arriving at their destination in Skagway and monitor for symptoms of illness. During travel and following the self-isolation period, appropriate social distancing measures must be followed.


- A. **Public Health Exception.** People performing essential public health duties shall self-isolate except as necessary to protect the health and safety of others.
- B. **“Self-Isolation”** means do not go to work, school, or public areas. Do not have visitors, such as friends and family, where you are self-isolating. Do not go out to buy food, visit the post office, or collect medicine – order them by phone or online, or ask someone else to drop them off at your home.
- C. **Critical Business or Entity Exception.** People who are engaged in critical business or entities are exempt from the self-isolation requirement but shall request permission from the Municipality prior to bringing exempt workers to Skagway, and they are still required to comply with all Federal and State health mandates. Critical business or entities are the following:
  - a. Transportation and logistics;
  - b. Government functions.
  - c. Alaska Power & Telephone Co.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective at 11:59 p.m. on March 24, 2020. This resolution shall remain in effect through April 20, 2020.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk

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