

CHOGGIUNG, LIMITED
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Resolution 2021-02

Advocating for the City of Dillingham to Re-evaluate the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration and for the City to Replace it With Strong Health Safety Recommendations for the Public and Business

WHEREAS, Choggiung Limited (“Choggiung”) is an Alaska Native Corporation representing original and descendant shareholders of Dillingham, Ekuk, and Portage Creek numbering 2,229 of which 712 live in Dillingham, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Choggiung and subsidiaries and partnerships employ between fifty (50) to sixty (60) persons in the City of Dillingham and surrounding area depending on the season; and

WHEREAS, Choggiung and subsidiaries serve thousands of customers (local and non-local) annually in the City of Dillingham; and

WHEREAS, Choggiung and subsidiaries directly contribute between \$3 million and \$4 million in business activity annually through wages, taxes, utilities, material purchases, real estate improvements, many other business expenses, dividends, and other shareholder benefits; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent City of Dillingham Emergency Ordinances including travel quarantine and test requirements, and face covering rules have negatively impacted Choggiung’s shareholders, employees, and customers from missed health referrals, fines, employment, proper education and business opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinances have caused two-thirds of the sports fishing operators on the Nushagak River to cancel their season in 2020 and are likely to cancel again if quarantine and test requirements are not removed while commercial fishing operations of all sorts were allowed to operate; and

WHEREAS, local small business depends on income from the Sports Fishing Industry to cover their business expenses and make a living. Many local small businesses may not be able to succeed and continue on without income beginning in the 2021 season; and

WHEREAS, the total dollar impact to Choggiung and subsidiaries revenue was a loss of approximately \$1,000,000 representing that amount not being paid in wages, supplies, and materials locally and recirculated in the community; and

WHEREAS, the information, public awareness, and solutions to the COVID-19 pandemic have advanced dramatically and significantly including therapeutics, vaccines, precipitous drops in the daily case count and death count, significant hospital capacity increases, decline in death rates of those that contract COVID-19, greater than 50% of Dillingham residents 20 and older have received a vaccine; and

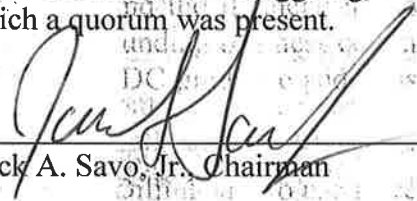
WHEREAS, local and sports fishing businesses along with Choggiung have implemented safety precautions to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 without the guidance or requirement of the City of Dillingham in their day to day operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (Board) of Choggiung, in conjunction with management has reviewed Choggiung's financial statements and the financial and operational impacts, impacts to people in our business, impacts to the surrounding business community, and new information about COVID-19 including the most recent CDC guidance and considered the ongoing risk of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The Board desires to support the City of Dillingham to use its resources to communicate health safety guidance for individuals and business regarding best practices to deal with COVID-19.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Management of Choggiung is authorized to deliver this resolution and an accompanying letter to the City Manager, City Council Members, and encourage them to come up with strong health safety recommendations for the public and business on COVID-19 best practices and most up to date information from the CDC and other public health authorities.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Choggiung, Limited at a duly convened meeting held on March 27, 2021, at which a quorum was present.



Jack A. Savo, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:



Kevin Tennyson, Secretary