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Declaration of a Local Emergency

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WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has characterized a newly discovered Coronavirus, named COVID-19, and is posing a significant threat to the world's population; and

WHEREAS, The particular traits and communicability of the virus are enough to predict a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has declared the pandemic to be a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, As the emergency response unfolds, measures have been taken that have disrupted the lives of many Americans and will cast lasting effects upon our communities' prosperity, physical health and mental health, as normalcy is supplanted by isolation and work stoppages; and

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough, acting under the statutory authority of AS 26.23,140, has declared a disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, Homer City Manager, Katie Koester, acting in accordance with the City of Homer's Emergency Operations Plan, has requested I make this declaration;

NOW THEREFORE, I find that there exists a wide-spread financial and public health emergency that will require unexpected expenditures of public funds that should be separately accounted, to perhaps be eligible for Emergency Disaster Relief; and

FURTHERMORE, I request the Homer City Clerk disseminate this Declaration to the general public and the parties identified in the City of Homer's Emergency Operations Plan.

Ken Castner
Mayor, City of Homer, Alaska

ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

