

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
RESOLUTION #2021-05**

TERMINATION OF COVID-19 DISASTER EMERGENCY AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 and in accordance with Alaska Statute 26.23.140, the Petersburg Borough ratified a local Disaster Emergency Declaration in response to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Petersburg Medical Center have since operated as a Unified Command in order to coordinate a Borough response and protect all citizens and visitors from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, under the excellent efforts of the Petersburg Medical Center staff to organize and effectively vaccinate a large portion of Petersburg's population, Petersburg is one of the leading communities in the State of Alaska for COVID-19 vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, vaccination for COVID-19 continues to be easily available and free to all Petersburg residents who are aged 12 years and older and is proven to be a highly effective means to protect Petersburg's population from the transmission and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Petersburg has seen very few cases of COVID-19 within the last month, which is a notable statistic when considering the Little Norway Festival events and the large number of visitors and locals who celebrated over the course of four days; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska and the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention have both issued numerous guidelines and recommendations for ongoing mitigation of COVID-19, which should continue to be observed by all Petersburg residents and will take the place of any local mandates upon their repeal; and

WHEREAS, given the high vaccination rates within Petersburg, and the low number of recent cases, the Assembly has determined that the local Disaster Emergency Declaration for the Borough will no longer be necessary after June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly further finds that the Emergency Operations Center has effectively coordinated the local response to the pandemic and may now commence standing down.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The local Disaster Emergency Declaration, issued and ratified on March 16, 2020, shall terminate as of 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021. Following such termination, the Borough Clerk shall promptly publish a copy of this Resolution and file a copy with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
2. Upon the termination of the local Disaster Emergency Declaration, any Borough COVID-19 health mandates or orders then remaining in effect shall be considered terminated.
3. The EOC shall begin the process of standing down immediately under the direction of the Incident Commander (IC). The IC's Stand Down Plan is attached hereto and

hereby approved.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly this 1st day of June, 2021.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk