

1 By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
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8 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
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10 RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 28
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12 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING MAYOR BRYCE WARD'S DECLARATION OF A DISASTER
13 EMERGENCY WITHIN THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH DUE TO THE SHOVEL
14 CREEK WILDLAND FIRE AND REQUESTING STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE
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16 WHEREAS, On June 21st, 2019, a wildfire, designated as the Shovel Creek
17 Fire, started in a Full fire protection area which is immediately adjacent to a Critical fire
18 protection area; and
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20 WHEREAS, Five additional wildland fires are burning in the Fairbanks
21 North Star Borough (Borough) in either Full or Limited fire protection areas; and
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23 WHEREAS, High temperatures and erratic winds have pushed the Shovel
24 Creek Fire towards more heavily populated areas of the Borough, specifically, the
25 Murphy Dome area; and
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27 WHEREAS, The state of Alaska has a Type 2 Incident Management Team
28 in charge of the fire and is upgrading it to a Type 1 Team on or about July 4th, 2019;
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31 WHEREAS, The Shovel Creek Fire has caused the need to issue Level 3
32 evacuation notices to the Martin and Perfect Perch Subdivision, Level 2 notices to
33 Lincoln Creek, McCloud, and Murphy subdivisions and a Level 1 notice to the Chatanika
34 river corridor due to actual threats to life and property; and
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36 WHEREAS, The heavy smoke from the surrounding fires has caused health
37 concerns throughout the Borough; and
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39 WHEREAS, The Borough Animal Control division has facilitated with the
40 evacuation and housing of animals and domestic livestock to evacuation centers in the
41 Borough that it established and operates; and

42 WHEREAS, The Borough has furnished staff and expects to have
43 additional staffing needs to provide emergency planning, alerting and notification,
44 information management and sheltering during the fire evacuations; and
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46 WHEREAS, The Shovel Creek Fire is threatening residential structures
47 within the Borough and has a high likelihood of persisting in the threat and threatening
48 additional subdivisions; and
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50 WHEREAS, The Borough has expended and committed Borough
51 emergency funds to facilitate the needs of the community during this emergency; and
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53 WHEREAS, Fairbanks North Star Borough Code (FNSBC) 2.16.040 outlines
54 the responsibilities of the mayor in regards to disasters; and
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56 WHEREAS, The severity and magnitude of the emergency is anticipated to
57 be beyond the timely and effective response capabilities of local resources; and
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59 WHEREAS, The Shovel Creek Fire is declared to be a disaster due to the
60 imminent threat to people, homes and structures within the Borough; and
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62 WHEREAS, The declaration of a disaster is necessary to allow for
63 resources to be properly allocated to assist with evacuations and displaced residents.
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65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairbanks North Star
66 Borough Assembly does hereby ratify the declaration of a condition of Disaster
67 Emergency to exist within the Fairbanks North Star Borough, as per FNSBC 2.16.040
68 and AS 26.23.140.
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70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with FNSBC 2.16.040,
71 orders and regulations may be issued as necessary to deal with this Disaster
72 Emergency.
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74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, it is requested that the Governor of the
75 State of Alaska declare a Disaster Emergency to exist as described in AS 26.23 and
76 provide State and Federal assistance to the Fairbanks North Star Borough in its
77 response and recovery from this event.
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79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
80 Governor Dunleavy and the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency
81 Management.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF JULY, 2019.

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Matt Cooper
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk
by Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Borough Clerk

Yeses: Quist, Gray, Williams, Lyke, Sanford, Tacke, Cooper
Noes: None
Other: Lojewski (Excused), Wildridge (Excused)