



**GREATER KETCHIKAN AREA
JOINT PROCLAMATION UNDER STATE OF EMERGENCY
TO SHELTER IN PLACE**

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, City of Ketchikan, and City of Saxman, together with the Ketchikan Emergency Operations Center (EOC) have been tirelessly working to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak in Ketchikan; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm the Ketchikan health system and economy of our community, endangering the lives and wellbeing of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy has implemented several health mandates such as the closure of schools, services, and businesses, that help reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is now imperative that the citizens of the Borough follow strict guidance to hunker down, shelter in place, and stay home, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, due to the exponential spread of the COVID-19 virus in Ketchikan, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Ketchikan Emergency Operations Center, we now proclaim a “Shelter in Place” declaration strongly urging all citizens of the City of Ketchikan, City of Saxman, and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough to:

1. Hunker down and shelter in place in order to stop the spread of COVID-19.
2. Food supply chains are fully functioning and grocery stores will remain open. Residents who are healthy and do not believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 may shop at grocery stores, but are asked to do so without lingering. If you go out, practice health directives such as handwashing and social distancing by staying six feet away from others.
3. Stay home and work from home as much as possible.
4. Conduct business via telephonic or electronic means as much as possible.
5. To the extent possible, non-essential businesses are urged to close for a period of 14 days.
6. If you are sick or suspect that you may be infected with the COVID-19 virus, you should take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community. If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice.
7. Follow all health mandates issued by Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Approved this 21st day of March, 2020

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