



# KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

## *Assembly Member Agenda Statement*

Meeting Date: **August 3, 2020**

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***Felix Wong, Assembly Member***  
**Assembly Member Name**

  
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***Austin Otos, Assembly Member***  
**Assembly Member Name**

  
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### **Title**

**Resolution requesting the Governor to enact a mandatory fourteen day quarantine health mandate for all inter-state and intra-state travel with appropriate testing upon arrival as a means to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus**

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

I move to adopt the attached resolution requesting the Governor to enact a mandatory fourteen-day quarantine health mandate for all inter-state and intra-state travel with appropriate testing upon arrival as a means to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

### **SUMMARY OF ISSUE**

Rapid and broad COVID testing is paramount to reopening our economy, schools, and community to full capacity. In previous Assembly meetings, we discussed testing intrastate travelers who come to our community. In order to prevent community spread among local residents, the State should mandate testing among travelers commuting to and from other cities within Alaska. This resolution aims to ask the Governor to implement a plan and mandate intrastate testing for travelers

**CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-2787**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT A MANDATORY FOURTEEN-DAY QUARANTINE HEALTH MANDATE FOR ALL INTER-STATE AND INTRA-STATE TRAVEL WITH APPROPRIATE TESTING UPON ARRIVAL AS A MEANS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska is currently experiencing a rapid growth in the COVID-19 infections and the increasing number of cases puts Alaska's economy and people at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska Emergency Operations Center (EOC) operates under the Incident Command System (ICS) and includes a coordinated multi-agency response with members from local municipal governments, health care providers, and other local, state and federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the State EOC has an ongoing role to advise the State of Alaska, local governments, and the citizens of Alaskan communities on health protection matters that will impact and assist the communities to mitigate emerging health threats related to infectious diseases, as well as those of natural and human made disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, enacting traveler quarantines at state borders can protect Alaska from COVID-19 devastation; and

**WHEREAS**, the state is in a unique position geographically to institute travel restrictions similar to the state of Western Australia, which can provide a blueprint for Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, Western Australia is large and sparsely populated similar to Alaska and implemented a border quarantine early in the COVID-19 pandemic and has had no community spread of COVID-19 for 100+ days, which has allowed schools to be open, people to move and work freely in the economy and masks are not mandated;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

**Section 1:** The Council formally requests the Governor to work with the State EOC to enact a mandatory fourteen-day quarantine health mandate for all inter-state and intra-state travel with appropriate testing upon arrival in Alaska based on what has been successful in Western Australia. The Council proposes enacting the mandatory fourteen-day quarantine health mandate for all inter-state and intra-state travel with appropriate testing upon arrival between communities in Alaska until it is demonstrated that community spread is no longer an issue. Since the incubation period for COVID-19 is up to fourteen days, a fourteen-day travel quarantine with appropriate testing creates a secure safety net to keep the virus out of Alaska communities and the state. The Council urges the Governor and State EOC to commit to a plan and adopt a statewide approach built on health protection policies, standards and plans that will protect all Alaskans.

**Section 2:** By implementing protections statewide, Alaska can set an example for the rest of the country by reopening the state using proven methods. By implementing an effective mandatory travel quarantine now, Alaska can work towards eliminating community spread in a short time and our children will be able to go back to school, parents can return to work and life can return to a more normal scenario.

**Section 3:** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 6th day of August 2020.

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Robert Sivertsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Stanker, City Clerk