HILLSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

IN OPPOSITION TO EMERGENCY ORDER EO-16 MODIFIED HUNKER DOWN ORDER

WHEREAS, the Hillside Community Council is a private, not-for-profit, voluntary, self-governing association composed of residents, property owners, business owners, and representatives from the Hillside Community Council neighborhood designated by the Anchorage Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Hillside Community Council works alongside other community councils; and

WHEREAS, other Community Councils are considering a resolution substantially the same as this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Order EO-16, dated November 25, 2020, closes in-person dining and service at businesses in the hospitality industry, including restaurants, bars, breweries and nightclubs; and

WHEREAS, the closure of in-person dining at such businesses has led to massive layoffs of employees; and

WHEREAS, the thousands of employees losing their jobs already have been suffering financially due to earlier Emergency Orders or similar Mandates; and

WHEREAS, many of the employees losing their jobs were making at or near minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, the employees losing their jobs will be unable to provide for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of earlier Emergency Orders and similar Mandates, the large majority of businesses in the hospitality industry faithfully complied with those government instructions, adapting business operations to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and improve the safety of employees and customers; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Order EO-16 fails to take account of the human cost related to the consequences described above, such as increased unemployment, homelessness, addiction, food insecurity, depression, domestic violence, suicide, and reduced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, government aid in the form of grants or loans to affected businesses has been insufficient to meet the needs of these businesses and their employees;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillside Community Council requests the Acting Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage to immediately rescind Emergency Order EO-16; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hillside Community Council requests that a 50% occupant capacity rule be applied to businesses and schools, and adopt the close down/clean up procedures currently being successfully implemented in our community.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hillside Community Council requests that if the Acting Mayor refuses to rescind Emergency Order EO-16, the Assembly of the Municipality of Anchorage revoke the emergency powers granted to the Acting Mayor

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Hillside Community Council with a majority vote of the 28 members in attendance at its regular meeting, held on <u>December 21</u>, 2020.

President, Hillside Community Council

Date

This resolution was submitted to the Assembly of the Municipality of Anchorage at the regular Assembly meeting, held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, and was read into the record via testimony by Todd Brownson, HCC Secretary.