Village of Solomon, Box 2053, Nome, Alaska 99762 phone (907) 443-4985 fax (907) 443-5189 **RESOLUTION 2020-05** A RESOLUTION DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ALSO KNOWN AS COVID19 AND ESTABLISHING A TRIBAL GENERAL WELFARE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE VILLAGE OF SOLOMON DURING THIS PANDEMIC WHEREAS, The Village of Solomon ("the Tribe") is a federally recognized tribal government body for the tribal members of Solomon, located in the Bering Strait region of Alaska; and WHEREAS, the Village of Solomon Traditional Council of the Tribe ("the Council") is the governing body of the Tribe authorized by the Tribe's Constitution to conduct business, including taking all actions which it believes to be in the best interests of the Tribe and its membership; WHEREAS, the Village of Solomon Traditional Council has declared a public health emergency for the Village of Solomon tribal membership due to the COVID19 pandemic; WHEREAS, the Council is responsible to make certain that our most treasured people, our elders and our youth are protected and establishing necessary assistance is integral during COVID19; WHEREAS, the Traditional Council has created a COVID19 Emergency Assistance Program under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 which adds Section 139E to the Internal Revenue Code in response to the public health emergency; WHEREAS, under the Tribal General Welfare Program the benefits provided are available to any tribal member who meets the guidelines, is for the promotion of general welfare and the tribal member must establish the need in response to COVID19;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council declares a public health emergency for its tribal membership in response to the COVID19 pandemic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council adopts the COVID19 Tribal General Welfare Program in response to COVID19 to protect its tribal membership.

## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by unanimous consent at a duly convened meeting of the Solomon Traditional Council on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

Kirsten Timbers, President

Elizabeth Johnson, Secretary