

Délįnę Got'įnę Government

COVID-19 RECOVERY LAW – Phase 2

June 12, 2020

Preamble

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations providing leadership on global health matters, declared the COVID-19 virus to be a pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories (“GNWT”) had confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in the NWT and as of the date of passage of the *DGG COVID-19 Response Law* on April 9, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the GNWT declared a state of emergency under the NWT *Emergency Management Act* on March 19, 2020 in respect to the COVID-19 pandemic and has passed various orders to seek to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus;

AND WHEREAS some residents of the Délįnę community have underlying health conditions which are major risk factors associated with contracting the COVID-19 virus, and there is a high volume of traffic in and out of, and within, the community;

AND WHEREAS Délįnę has limited medical facilities and resources to address a high volume of COVID-19 cases and it is therefore critical to limit the rate of the spread of the COVID-19 virus to the degree possible;

AND WHEREAS the Délįnę Got'įnę Government (“DGG”), after considering public health advice, had deemed it expedient and necessary for the peace, safety and good governance of its members, to seek to limit exposure of residents of the Délįnę community to the COVID-19 virus by putting in place various measures;

AND WHEREAS the DGG recognizes the need to gradually and safely ease these restrictions in a manner that is appropriate for the community of Délįnę and that aligns with the phased recovery approach of the GNWT outlined in the “Emerging Wisely” plan dated May 12, 2020;

AND WHEREAS all five confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the NWT have recovered as of April 20, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the GNWT implemented Phase 1 of its recovery plan on May 15, 2020;

AND WHEREAS North-Wright Airways resumed scheduled flights into Délįnę as of June 1, 2020 because the GNWT has eased flight restrictions throughout the NWT;

AND WHEREAS on June 3, 2020 the DGG repealed the *COVID-19 Response Law* including the ***Déljñę Got'jñę Government COVID-19 Response Directive*** and the ***Déljñę Got'jñę Government Travel Restriction Directive*** and enacted the ***DGG COVID-19 Recovery Law – Phase 1***, including the ***Déljñę Got'jñę Government COVID-19 Phase 1 Recovery Directive*** and the ***Déljñę Got'jñę Government Phase 1 Recovery Travel Directive*** to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS the DGG recognizes that further steps must now be taken to further ease restrictions on physical isolation, travel and other activities as part of the phased recovery process;

AND WHEREAS the DGG has authority to take steps to address the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to the *Déljñę Final Self-Government Agreement*, the Déljñę Emergency Plan passed pursuant to the *Emergency Management Act* of the NWT, S.N.W.T. 2018, c.17, emergency law-making authority under the *Déljñę Government Organization Act* and Déljñę's inherent Indigenous right to protect the lives and health of its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, the DGG enacts as follows:

1. This *Act* shall be cited as the *DGG COVID-19 Recovery Law – Phase 2*.
2. This *Act* applies to the ***Déljñę Got'jñę Government COVID-19 Phase 2 Recovery Directive*** attached as Schedule E and the ***Déljñę Got'jñę Government Phase 2 Recovery Travel Directive*** attached as Schedule F (together “the Directives”).
3. The attached Directives in Schedule E and Schedule F are hereby approved and given effect of law as of June 12, 2020.
4. The ***DGG COVID-19 Recovery Law – Phase 1***, including the ***Déljñę Got'jñę Government COVID-19 Phase 1 Recovery Directive*** and the ***Déljñę Got'jñę Government Phase 1 Recovery Travel Directive***, attached as Schedule C and D, are no longer in effect as of June 12, 2020.
5. The Directives in Schedule E and Schedule F have the same legal status as if they were passed separately by the DGG.
6. If any of the provision contained within the Directives becomes invalid or unenforceable in any respect under any other law, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired.

SCHEDULE A: *Déljñę Got'jñę Government COVID-19 Response Directive*

SCHEDULE B: *Déjñę Got'jnę Government Travel Restriction Directive*

SCHEDULE C: *Déljñę Got'jnę Government COVID-19 Phase 1 Recovery Directive*

SCHEDULE D: *Déjine Got'ine Government Phase 1 Recovery Travel Directive*

SCHEDULE E: *Déjñe Got'jñe Government COVID-19 Phase 2 Recovery Directive*

SCHEDULE F: *Déjñę Got'jnę Government Phase 2 Recovery Travel Directive*