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(11) on December 11, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to begin an immediate nationwide distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine; resulting in the third lowest COVID-19 fatality rate in the United States,

(12) on December 16, 2020, the governor issued a declaration of a public health disaster emergency under AS 26.23.020 in response to the ongoing statewide COVID-19 outbreak, and the necessity of facilitating the receipt and statewide distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine;

(13) on January 12, 2021, the commissioner of health and social services certified, in accordance with AS 26.23.900(2)(E), that an outbreak of COVID-19 is occurring in Alaska because of widespread community transmission;

(14) a statewide response under AS 18.15.390, coordinated by the Department of Health and Social Services, is needed to fully address this disaster of public health and aid in vaccine distribution;

(15) the Department of Health and Social Service's chief medical officer and the commissioner of health and social services have determined that it will take months of monitoring and active public health management, including statewide vaccine distribution, to contain the spread of COVID-19;

(16) the adjutant general of the Alaska organized militia has determined that it may be necessary for the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, under the guidance of the commissioner of health and social services, to use personnel and other resources of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to institute actions under AS 26.23.020, including provisions to perform of facilitate performance of disaster emergency services;