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## ALASKA COMMERCIAL COMPANY ANNOUNCES WAGE INCREASE FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES

**ANCHORAGE**, **March 23**, **2020** — In response to the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Alaska Commercial Company announced today that they will provide a temporary \$2.00 per hour wage increase for hourly employees. This increased compensation will be given to hourly employees in the company's 30 stores for all hours worked between March 8th, 2020 and April 4th, 2020.

"We are very proud of the enterprising efforts of our employees in our stores and along our supply chain. Our employees have shown up and worked harder than ever to ensure that our shelves are stocked and that our stores are ready for business in rural Alaska," noted Dan McConnell, President, The North West Company International.

In recent weeks, the Alaska Commercial Company has introduced a number of additional measures to combat COVID-19, including increased frequency of sanitizing all check-outs and shopping carts and cleaning other surfaces several times during the day with extensive wipe downs during closed hours. Health and safety has been prioritized for all employees. Alaska Commercial Company is also offering special access to seniors in order to provide them with a safe and comfortable shopping experience.

"Our employees have ensured a continuous and unencumbered supply of food and general merchandise to communities. We are delighted to provide this temporary wage increases to thank them for their efforts," said Walt Pickett, Vice President of Operations and General Manager for the Alaska Commercial Company.

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