

STATE OF ALASKA  
DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning on August 5, 2024, a glacial dam outburst from the Mendenhall Glacier's Suicide Basin caused historic flooding in the City and Borough of Juneau, inundating more than 100 homes, businesses, and public infrastructure in the valley along Mendenhall Lake and Mendenhall River; and,

WHEREAS the flooding required rescues, evacuations, sheltering, and resulted in power outages and damage to residential and commercial property, and infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau and multiple state agencies are engaged in flood response operations; and,

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2024, the City and Borough of Juneau declared a local disaster emergency for flooding and requested State assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is a political subdivision of the State of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, due to the record flooding the following conditions exist, damage to personal and commercial property, public infrastructure, and ongoing emergency response; and,


WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of this emergency are beyond the timely and effective response and recovery capability of local resources, and there are insufficient regularly appropriated local funds to cover these requirements.

THEREFORE, on this 6th day of August 2024, under authority granted by Alaska Statute 26.23.020(c), I hereby declare that a disaster emergency exists in the City and Borough of Juneau, and this condition is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a disaster declaration to provide assistance.

FURTHER, the Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is hereby authorized to utilize funds made available for these purposes, which are considered necessary for disaster assistance to include disaster individual and public assistance, temporary housing, and necessary administrative and disaster management expenses. State funds are proposed to be spent under AS 26.23.020(i) and (k) and AS 26.23.050. The Commissioner of DMVA, or his designee, is the designated State Coordinator and is further authorized to task, as necessary, State departments and agencies in accordance with the State Emergency Operations Plan and is further authorized to exercise, as necessary, the provisions provided under Alaska Statutes 26.23.020(g)(1), (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), (9), and (10).

FURTHER, for the duration of this proclamation and under authority of AS 26.23.020(g)(1) and (7), I specifically order the suspension of those provisions of Alaska Statutes and regulations relating to any requirement to (a) obtain a lease from another State agency prior to entry upon the land; (b) obtain a permit, including land use permits and right of way permits, from another State

agency prior to entry upon land; (c) obtain Water Use Permits or rights, including temporary rights, from another State agency prior to utilizing such resources; (d) obtain Fish Habitat Permits or Special Area Permits from another State agency; (e) obtain Wastewater Disposal Permits from another State agency; (f) obtain Section 106 Reviews pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 from another State agency, provided that the foregoing suspensions do not apply to any specific provision the suspension of which would create a violation of federal law or a violation of a requirement for the provision of federal emergency funding, and the foregoing suspensions may be supplemented by my further order to the Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

By: 

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor