

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY20-25**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER AND
REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA**

WHEREAS, commencing on December 1, 2020, the City of Gustavus, Alaska sustained severe losses and threats to life and property from strong winds and higher-than-normal storm surges that caused widespread flooding of the entire city and severe damage or destruction of the city's power plant and transmission lines, sewer and water collection facilities, and transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus is a political subdivision that has jurisdictional boundaries outside of a recognized borough; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist as a result of the disaster emergency: widespread flooding within the city area resulting in inundation of, and damage to, multiple homes and businesses, requiring evacuation and sheltering of the residents; severe damage to personal and real property and subsistence equipment; widespread damage to City-maintained gravel roads and ditch systems due to scouring or washouts from flood waters, requiring reconstruction and repair; deposition of vegetation and building debris on major roads requiring debris removal; loss of electrical power in areas of the city due to flooded transformers, which required temporary repair and future permanent repairs or relocation of transformers; potential damage to residential and business wells and septic systems, which will require professional inspection and permanent repairs; significant loss of embankment along the Salmon River at City Hall, which has restricted access and parking; and potential damage to the Salmon River Bridge may require emergency protective measures to be taken; potential pollution of surface water and soils from spilled fuel from tanks disturbed by the flooding requiring inspection, testing, and possible remediation, and,

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources; and there are insufficient regularly appropriated funds to cover these expenses; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, be it resolved that the Gustavus City Council does declare a disaster emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist in the City of Gustavus.

FURTHERMORE, it is requested that the governor of the State of Alaska declare a disaster emergency to exist as described in AS 26.23 and provide disaster assistance to the City of Gustavus in its response and recovery from this event. The City specifically requests individual disaster relief for multiple homeowners with flooded homes and damaged personal, real, and subsistence property, public disaster assistance for emergency protective measures, temporary and permanent repairs to the homeowners sewer and water, and city transportation infrastructure, with technical assistance and funding to evaluate the damage to, and perform needed repairs to, the city infrastructure.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this __th day of December 2020, and effective upon adoption.

Brittney Cannamore, Mayor

Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk