

Presented by: The Manager  
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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**Serial No. 3036**

**A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Declaring a Local  
Emergency in Response to Historic Flooding Due to the Release of  
Water from Suicide Basin and a Request for State and Federal  
Assistance.**

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2023, the City and Borough of Juneau (“CBJ”), a political subdivision of the State of Alaska, sustained substantial losses to property from historic Mendenhall River flooding levels due to the release of water from Suicide Basin at the Mendenhall Glacier that resulted in severe damage for some property owners in the CBJ; and

WHEREAS, initial estimates indicate financial impacts throughout the Valley area of the City and Borough of Juneau to public and private properties, including two structures completely lost to the Mendenhall River, three lift stations submerged, multiple fuel tanks swept away, and several other residential and public properties with water damage and severe structural damages due to the river rising to record levels; and

WHEREAS, given the severity and magnitude of the damage caused by the historic flooding, State and Federal assistance may be needed to supplement local efforts to respond to and recover; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CBJC 03.25.040(a) and AS 26.23.140, the Assembly may declare the existence of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, because of the ongoing nature of the emergency, this declaration of local emergency shall remain in effect until December 31, 2023, or until \_\_\_\_\_, whichever occurs first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau hereby declares a local emergency to exist within the City and Borough of Juneau. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed promptly with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

43           **Section 2.**   The City and Borough requests that the Governor of Alaska provide  
44 such State assistance as may be available to request additional assistance from Federal  
45 agencies where State capability is not adequate.

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47           **Section 3.   Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after  
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Attest:

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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

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Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk