

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

Serial No. 3036(b)

**A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Confirming 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 both damage to public infrastructure and private 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 declaration of the existence of a local emergency by the director of emergency management organization shall be subject to confirmation by the Assembly.

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 confirms 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.

Section 2. The City and Borough of Juneau requests that the Governor of Alaska provide State public assistance and individual assistance as may be available, assistance with emergency permitting within the waterway, and to request additional assistance from Federal agencies where State capability is not adequate.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 7th day of August 2023.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk