MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, commencing on December 5, 2025, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough sustained high-speed straight-line winds and threats to private and public infrastructure throughout the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is a political subdivision within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough experienced wind gusts of at least 89 mph, and winds gusted in excess of 50 mph from Friday, December 5, through Tuesday, December 9. There were many reports of hurricane-force wind gusts damaging homes, vehicles, and other property; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist as a result of the disaster emergency: widespread damages to Borough and State infrastructure, public utilities, homes, and businesses to include debris on roads, power lines, homes, and businesses, prolonged and sustained loss of the electric power grid and basic utilities to large populations, frozen pipes, and damages to vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the disaster emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Borough Mayor and Manager of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough hereby declare a Disaster Emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

FURTHERMORE, it is requested that the Governor of the State of Alaska declare a Disaster Emergency to exist, as described in AS.26.23.020, and provide State financial disaster assistance under the public and individual assistance programs to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and its residents and businesses in its response and recovery from this event.

FURTHERMORE, the undersigned certify that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has expended, to date, local resources in an amount to be determined, with costs continuing to grow rapidly as a result of this disaster emergency.

Signed this 9 day of December 2025.

Edna DeVries
Mayor

Michael Brown
Borough Manager