

CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, at approximately 3:54 a.m. April 16, 2008, the City and Borough of Juneau, a political subdivision of the State of Alaska, sustained substantial losses to property from a massive avalanche that resulted in severe damage and complete loss of hydroelectric power; and,

WHEREAS, initial estimates indicate financial impacts throughout the City and Borough of Juneau to public, private, and commercial properties totaling approximately twenty-five million dollars; with public financial impacts estimated at five million dollars, utility rate increases estimated at fifteen million dollars, and business impacts estimated at five million dollars; and,

WHEREAS, given the severity and magnitude of the damage caused by the avalanche, State and Federal assistance is needed to supplement local efforts to respond to and recover from the effects of the loss of hydropower, and soaring utility rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rod Swope, the City Manager of the City and Borough of Juneau declare that a local disaster emergency under AS 26.23.140 exists in the City and Borough of Juneau.

FURTHERMORE, the City and Borough of Juneau requests that the Governor of Alaska declare a disaster emergency to exist s described in AS 26.23 and provide State assistance to the City and Borough of Juneau in its response and recovery from damages and costs resulting from this natural disaster; and,

FURTHERMORE, the City and Borough of Juneau requests the Governor of Alaska seek appropriate Federal assistance to help the City and Borough of Juneau recover from this event; and,

FURTHERMORE, all City and Borough of Juneau departments and agencies are directed to take immediate steps to minimize electrical energy consumption; Juneau citizens and businesses are requested to do the same.

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Rod Swope, City Manager

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Date

Attest;

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Municipal Clerk

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Date