

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly declaring a disaster and requesting state assistance.**

**WHEREAS**, commencing on January 16, 2012, and continuing, the Haines Borough sustained significant losses and threats to life and property from mass wasting associated with severe winter weather including record snowfall and prolonged periods of heavy rainfall; and

**WHEREAS**, the current situation continues to threaten public and private facilities and infrastructure in and around the Oceanview and Lutak Roads, of the Borough; and

~~**WHEREAS**, the following conditions exist as a result of the disaster emergency: significant damage to Borough and State roads; complete failure of a sewer utility main serving 120 residential customers; reduced water pressure to several homes; actual damage or threats to several homes requiring evacuation and sheltering of affected residents; and disruption of power and cable utility lines requiring rerouting; and~~

**WHEREAS**, the loss of the Oceanview and Lutak Roads would disrupt access to the Haines Ferry Terminal and bulk fuel tanks and isolate many homes from the downtown area of Haines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has taken the following measures in response to the disaster emergency: established and staffed an emergency command center to manage the response to this emergency; hired an emergency coordinator; hired a drill rig to conduct a geotechnical investigation to determine if the mass wasting creates an unsafe condition that poses an immediate threat to life or property; established a daily ground movement monitoring program; and performed emergency temporary repairs to the sewer utility main; among other; and

**WHEREAS**, all available local resources are being directed to respond to the disaster emergency; however, the disaster emergency is now exceeding the ability of the Borough to adequately safeguard life and property and minimize the effects of environmental and structural damage,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly does hereby declare that a disaster emergency now exists in the Haines Borough, and that the Borough has expended all appropriate resources in response to the disaster emergency,

**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 Haines Borough in its response and recovery from this event. The Borough specifically requests individual assistance and temporary housing for impacted residents, public disaster assistance for emergency protective measures, temporary and permanent repairs to Borough sewer, water, and transportation infrastructure, with technical assistance and funding to fully evaluate the threat and/or damage to the Oceanview and Lutak Roads, and reestablish normal transportation of critical resources should the roads be closed.

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Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
of February, 2012.

Stephanie K Scott  
Stephanie Scott, Mayor

Attest:

Jamie Heinz  
Jamie Heinz, Deputy Clerk

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