

**STATE OF ALASKA  
DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, from September 28-30, 2017, a strong Arctic sea storm produced high surf, strong winds, and a surge that breached coastal protection berms; and

WHEREAS, the storm damaged roads, infrastructure, historical and cultural sites, and also resulted in low-lying area flooding in Utqiagvik within the North Slope Borough of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the North Slope Borough is a non-unified home rule borough within the State of Alaska that has declared a local disaster requesting state assistance; and

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of this emergency are beyond the timely and effective response and recovery capability of local resources and emergency assistance is needed.

THEREFORE, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017, under authority granted by Alaska Statute 26.23.020(c), I hereby declare that a condition of disaster emergency exists in the North Slope Borough, and this condition is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a disaster declaration to provide assistance.

FURTHER, the Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is hereby authorized under AS 26.23.020(i) and (k) to use funds made available for these purposes which are considered necessary for disaster expenses to include public assistance, administrative, and disaster management expenses.

MOREOVER, the Commissioner of DMVA or her designee is the designated State Coordinator; and is further authorized to task, as necessary, State departments and agencies in accordance with the State Emergency Operations Plan; and exercise, as necessary, the provisions provided under Alaska Statutes 26.23.020(g)(1), (2), (3), and (7).

By:



Bill Walker  
Governor