Adopted: 12/16/25

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 25-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING A SEVEN (7) DAY EXTENSION TO THE 2025 DECEMBER MAT-SU WIND STORM DISASTER ISSUED ON DECEMBER 9, 2025.

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

WHEREAS, the Borough experienced wind gusts of at least 89 mph, with continued gusts in excess of 50 mph, resulting in ongoing damage to homes, vehicles, businesses, and public utilities; and

WHEREAS, as a result, there was widespread damage 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 event was beyond the timely and effective response of local resources; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2025, the Borough Mayor and Manager declared a local disaster emergency and issued a Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, high winds initially subsided, but then continued through December 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the conditions continue to accumulate resulting from this disaster emergency including widespread damages to infrastructure, utilities, homes, businesses, and prolonged loss of electric power continue to persist, with additional damages reported due to sustained high winds; and

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

WHEREAS, the Disaster Declaration issued on December 9, 2025 expires after seven days unless extended by the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Assembly approves a seven (7) day extension to the disaster declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough requests the State of Alaska extend its declaration to make individual and public assistance available due to the prolonged nature of these winds and resulting damages.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 16 day of December, 2025.

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

ONNIF R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Bowles, Nowers, McKee, Sumner, Gamble, Fonov, and Bernier