

## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH Office of the Mayor

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## **DISASTER DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, the community of Talkeetna, located within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, has been experiencing severe flooding and damage and destruction to property due to high water levels at the confluence of three rivers – the Susitna River, Chulitna River, and Talkeetna River; and

**WHEREAS**, this damage and destruction to property poses an imminent and severe threat to public safety, infrastructure, and property in the affected areas; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency response and recovery efforts must be coordinated swiftly and effectively to protect the lives and property of our residents;

**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 Assistance program to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in its response and recovery from this event.

**FURTHERMORE**, the undersigned certifies 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 12th day of September 2023.

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Mayor

Michael Brown

Borough Manager