

**STATE of ALASKA**  
**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning on August 27, 2015, a strong Arctic coastal sea storm produced high surf, strong winds, and storm surges that threatened critical local community infrastructure and caused significant erosion and damage to seven miles of coastal roads in Barrow 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 and has declared a local disaster requesting State assistance; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist as a result of the storm: extensive damage and loss of road material and embankments of several roads in Barrow; storm and wave movement of large amounts of beach gravel atop these roads requiring a robust debris removal operation; and emergency protective measures to protect archeological sites, and to reinforce and stabilize embankments to ensure local evacuation routes; 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 October, 2015, 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 in order to provide assistance.

FURTHER, the Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is hereby authorized to utilize funds made available for these purposes which are considered necessary for disaster expenses to include disaster public assistance and necessary administrative and disaster management expenses. State funds are proposed to be spent under AS 26.23.020(i) and (k). The Commissioner of DMVA or her designee is the designated State Coordinator; and is further authorized to task, as necessary, the State departments and agencies in accordance with the State Emergency Operations Plan; and is further authorized to exercise, as necessary, the provisions provided under Alaska Statutes 26.23.020(g)(1), (2), and (3).

By:



Bill Walker  
Governor