

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 23-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DECLARING A CONTINUED DISASTER
EMERGENCY IN KOTZEBUE DUE TO SEVERE WINTER
STORMS, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS: the City of Kotzebue continues to be battered by a series of blizzards over the last six weeks resulting in extraordinary accumulations of drifting snow, intermittent power outages, and boil water notices; and

WHEREAS: the City of Kotzebue is a second-class city and a political subdivision of the State of Alaska within the Northwest Arctic Borough; and

WHEREAS: Since March 6, 2023, the City of Kotzebue and Mayor Moto both declared a disaster emergency under AS 26.23.140 that continues through until today; and

WHEREAS: the blizzard resulted in widespread snow drifting and accumulation beyond the City's capacity for removal that threatens the health, life, and safety of the residents of Kotzebue and the security of the region; and

WHEREAS: the blizzards have required round-the-clock snow removal efforts; and

WHEREAS: if the snow is not removed as soon as possible, it will result in widespread property damage that threatens the City's water and sewer systems; and

WHEREAS: the severity and magnitude of the emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources; and

WHEREAS: there are insufficient regularly appropriated funds to cover the expenses of this emergency; and

WHEREAS: the Borough has provided disaster relief funds in the amount of \$50,000 to assist Kotzebue with its immediate response and recovery efforts, which will exhaust the Borough's appropriated and available disaster relief funds under the Borough's current FY23 budget; and

WHEREAS: due to the severity of the continuing blizzards and required response and mitigation efforts, the disaster declaration must be extended to provide necessary resources and relief.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly declares a Disaster Emergency under AS 26.23.140 and NABC 12.16.060 to exist in the community of Kotzebue and requests the additional assistance of the State of Alaska for disaster relief aid for Kotzebue to assist with response and recovery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Borough certifies that the City of Kotzebue has insufficient resources with which to respond to this disaster and therefore requests all available assistance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL 2023.



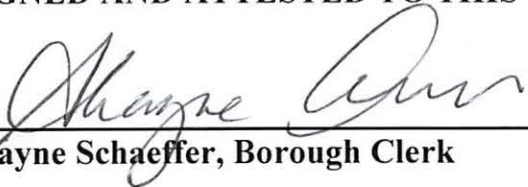
Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL 2023.



Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL 2023.



Shayne Schaeffer, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

