North Slope Borough
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Harry K. Brower, Jr. Mayor

Declaration of Emergency

WHEREAS, commencing June 10, 2023, the North Slope Borough, Alaska sustained severe losses and threats to property and life due to the loss of internet and cellular phone services as a result of the only fiber optic cable providing communication services to the area being damaged on the floor of the Sea in the waters off Oliktok Point; and

WHEREAS, the North Slope Borough is a political subdivision within the State of Alaska and provides municipal services and infrastructure to the communities on the North Slope Borough; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these communication services will severely impact the ability to provide municipal service including emergency services, such as Search and Rescue, Police, Fire and Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources within the North Slope Borough and emergency assistance is needed; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, Scott Szmyd, Acting Mayor of the North Slope Borough, hereby declares a Local Emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist on the North Slope Borough.

SIGNED this 14th day of June, 2023

Scott Szmyd
Acting Mayor
North Slope Borough
Scott Szmyd, Chief Administrative Officer, is hereby delegated as Acting Mayor for the North Slope Borough effective Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 5pm until Saturday, June 17, 2023 or until Mayor Brower’s actual return.

Please continue to give your full support and cooperation to Scott Szmyd during this time.

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