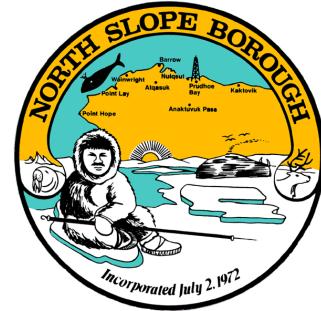


# North Slope Borough

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*Josiah A. Patkotak, Mayor*

### Declaration of Emergency

**WHEREAS**, the community of Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska, located within the jurisdiction of the North Slope Borough, has been experiencing community-wide fuel shortage that has reached levels causing critical threats to the life, health and safety of all community residents; and

**WHEREAS**, fuel deliveries to the community has been on hold due to factors including prolonged extreme arctic winter weather, and the unavailability of air or overland transportation methods due to restrictions imposed by Federal regulations and protocols; and

**WHEREAS**, future fuel delivery schedule is uncertain due to such factors beyond the control of the North Slope Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, it is crucial to maintain the stability of fuel supply to Anaktuvuk Pass, as fuel is the primary source for heat and transportation necessary to preserve the life, health and safety of the residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Slope Borough is a political subdivision within the State of Alaska, and provides municipal services and infrastructure to all communities on the North Slope Borough, including the supply of fuel to Anaktuvuk Pass; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the severity of the impacts to community and residents, the North Slope Borough seeks to utilize the overland Community Winter Access Trail as physically available to provide immediate fuel supply relief to the community to protect the life, health and safety of all residents at Anaktuvuk Pass; 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.

**THEREFORE**, I, Josiah A. Patkotak, Mayor of the North Slope Borough, hereby declares a Local Emergency per AS §26.23.140 and NSBMC §2.32.040 to exist on the North Slope Borough.

SIGNED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josiah A. Patkotak" followed by "Mayor".