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Extending the governor's October 9, 2025, declaration of a disaster emergency in response to the 2025 West Coast Storm; and approving an amended financing plan.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2025, the governor declared a disaster emergency, following the 2025 West Coast Storm; and

WHEREAS the condition of the disaster emergency was extended in November of 2025, December of 2025, and January of 2026, with the disaster emergency expiring on February 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS the effects of the storm remain severe, and infrastructure systems from the original storm, as well as ongoing emergency actions, are necessary to respond to those effects; and

WHEREAS, under AS 26.23.020(c), "[a] proclamation of disaster emergency may not remain in effect longer than 30 days unless extended by the legislature by a concurrent resolution"; and

WHEREAS an additional extension will allow agencies to continue the agencies' emergency response to meet the disaster; and

WHEREAS, under AS 26.23.020(k)(1), the governor may expend more than \$1,000,000 of state funds to cope with a disaster if, when the legislature is in session, the legislature approves a financing plan to cope with the incident or disaster; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2026, the governor submitted a revised financing plan to the legislature, totaling \$39,250,000 and detailing the estimated shared costs for the 2025 West Coast Storm Disaster as \$18,750,000 in federal authority and \$20,500,000 in state general funds; and

WHEREAS the revised financing plan reflects an increase of \$5,500,000 in disaster relief funds from the financing plan previously authorized for the 2025 West Coast Storm Disaster; and

WHEREAS the current balance of the disaster relief fund established in AS 26.23.300 is sufficient to meet the increase in the governor's revised financing plan;

BE IT RESOLVED that, under AS 26.23.020(c), the Alaska State Legislature extends the October 9, 2025, disaster emergency declared by the governor for the 2025 West Coast Storm until March 8, 2026; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the extension of the October 9, 2025, disaster emergency declared by the governor for the 2025 West Coast Storm be made retroactive to February 6, 2026; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature approves the increase of \$5,500,000 in disaster relief funds in the amended financing plan submitted by the governor for the 2025 West Coast Storm.