

STATE OF ALASKA
DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Alaska is charged with the responsibility of meeting the dangers presented by disasters to the State and its people; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of vulnerable Alaskans, including children, seniors, and low-income families, rely on the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for their food security; and

WHEREAS, beginning on October 1, 2025, a shutdown of the federal government occurred, threatening the suspension of federal funding and administration for the SNAP program, which constitutes a failure of a critical lifeline system for many Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, the interruption of these benefits would create an immediate threat of food insecurity and hardship, jeopardizing the health and well-being of a substantial population within the State, and a direct threat to public health; and

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of this emergency are beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources and regularly appropriated state funds, necessitating immediate and emergency assistance to ensure food security for affected Alaskans.

THEREFORE, on this 3rd day of November 2025, under the authority granted by Alaska Statute (AS) 26.23.020(c), I hereby declare that a condition of disaster emergency exists throughout the State of Alaska due to the imminent or actual failure of the federal government to provide benefits for SNAP-eligible residents.

FURTHER, State funds are proposed to be spent under AS 26.23.020(k) and AS 26.23.050 for the provision of emergency financial assistance for food to the declared affected population. This declaration shall take effect immediately and remain in effect for 30 days or until the federal SNAP funding for November 2025 is received.

By: 
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Governor