



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH  
CITY OF KETCHIKAN



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## DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, on August 25, 2024, at approximately 4:15 p.m., a landslide occurred within the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, severely impacting several homes, causing one known fatality, multiple injuries, significant property damage to homes, businesses and roads, and disrupting the normal functions in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, this landslide caused power outages within the city limits, significant communication disruptions, damage to multiple homes, and the closure of a state road critical for transportation and access in and out of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the landslide has also caused generalized flooding, further contributing to damage and disruptions to the Borough's infrastructure, with potential impacts to commercial and business activities throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the response to this emergency requires the coordinated efforts of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and the City of Ketchikan, along with state and federal resources, to protect life, property, and critical infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, immediate action is necessary to provide relief, restore services, and prevent further injury and damage to persons and property within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of crisis, we are reminded of the principles of caring for our neighbors, as it is written: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Philippians 2:4)

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Mayor of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and the Mayor of the City of Ketchikan, do hereby declare a state of emergency in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and the City of Ketchikan as a result of the landslide and its cascading effects on August 25, 2024.

We direct all available resources be mobilized to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents and to mitigate further risks. We call upon state and federal assistance to support our efforts in response, recovery, and rebuilding.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024

Rodney Dial, Mayor  
Ketchikan Gateway Borough Mayor

  
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David Kiffer, Mayor  
City of Ketchikan