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Bill Moore's Slough  
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Chuathbaluk  
Chuloonawick  
Crooked Creek  
Eek  
Emmonak  
Georgetown  
Grayling  
Hamilton  
Holy Cross  
Hooper Bay  
Kasigluk  
Kipnuk  
Kongiganak  
Kotlik  
Kwethluk  
Kwigillingok  
Lime Village  
Lower Kalskag  
Marshall  
Mekoryuk  
Mountain Village  
Napaimute  
Napakiak  
Napaskiak  
Newtok  
Nightmute  
Nunam Iqua  
Nunapitchuk  
Ohogomiut  
Oscarville  
Paimute  
Pilot Station  
Pitka's Point  
Quinhagak  
Red Devil  
Russian Mission  
Scammon Bay  
Shageluk  
Sleetmute  
St. Mary's  
Stony River  
Toksook Bay  
Tuluksak  
Tuntutuliak  
Tununak  
Umkumiut  
Upper Kalskag

**YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10-01**

**SUBJECT: A Resolution of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation Board of Directors Requesting the President of the United States Donald Trump Declare a National Emergency in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region of Alaska Due to the Devastating Impacts of Typhoon Halong.**

**WHEREAS**, the United States has a trust obligation to provide health care and other services for Alaska Natives and American Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) is a non-profit Tribal Health Organization founded in 1969 which is authorized by 58 federally-recognized Tribes within its Indian Health Service (IHS) service area of southwest Alaska to compact with the federal government under Title V of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA); and

**WHEREAS**, YKHC administers the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital, 5 sub-regional clinics, 41 village clinics, and provides numerous healthcare programs, services, functions and activities, including environmental health and engineering services, to the approximately 30,000 Alaska Native people residing within the region; and

**WHEREAS**, YKHC's service area is large (the size of many states) remote, and not connected to the Alaska road system, which makes the time, cost, and logistics of responding to emergencies and natural disasters more challenging than other areas of Alaska and the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, in the middle of the night on Saturday, October 11, 2025, the remnants of Typhoon Halong (Halong) struck the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region with

hurricane-force winds, rain, and storm surge, which caused catastrophic flooding, destruction of homes, power outages, damage to water and sewer systems, loss of telecommunications, and displacement of families; and

**Whereas**, Halong brought record-breaking flood levels to the region; Kipnuk saw water 6.6 feet above normal high tide; Kwigillingok reached 6.3 feet above high tide; and hurricane-force winds gusted over 100 mph in a number of communities in the region; and

**Whereas**, thirty-seven homes in Kwigillingok were swept away and destroyed by flood waters, and a majority of homes in both Kwigillingok and Kipnuk have been damaged and rendered inhabitable; and

**Whereas**, more than 1200 people have been displaced and have been sheltering in small schools and other community buildings for several days; facilities which in a number of locations are without power, running water and sewer, telecommunications, and adequate provisions; and

**Whereas**, on Sunday, October 12, YKHC activated its Incident Command Team and initiated emergency outreach and support to impacted communities; and

**Whereas**, YKHC immediately chartered flights and sent emergency supplies to the communities consisting of over 10,000 meals, 30,000 bottles of water, prescription medication, cases of baby formula, pallets of hygiene products, HEPA filters, clothes, and blankets; and

**Whereas**, YKHC deployed medical and behavioral health teams to communities including Kipnuk, Kwigillingok, Chefornak, and Tuntutuliak to assist its Health Aides, Behavioral Health Aides, and other employees already working on the ground to triage residents in need of care; and

**Whereas**, YKHC dispatched remote maintenance workers, environmental health and engineering employees, and construction crews to impacted communities to assess damage to homes, power plants, and water and sewer systems; and to initiate repairs; and

**Whereas**, YKHC transported patients to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital in Bethel for medical care, and brought numerous displaced individuals to the YKHC Qavartarvik Customer Lodge for shelter; and

**Whereas**, YKHC's Travel and Facilities Management teams helped stand up a mass shelter at the Armory in Bethel and provided 100 cots, linens, food, water, shuttle service, coordination, and support personnel; and

**Whereas**, shelter facilities in Bethel are at or near capacity, while 400 people in Kwigillingok and 700 people in Kipnuk continue to shelter in small schools, and approximately 100 more people remain displaced in other impacted communities; and

**Whereas**, the Governor of Alaska issued an initial state disaster declaration for the October 2025 West Coast Storm on October 10, 2025, and expanded the declaration on October 12, 2025 to include Yupitt, Pribilof Island, and Lower Kuskokwim Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAA); and

**Whereas**, these actions are appreciated and have activated critical assistance programs, but they only begin to address the widespread devastation and need in the region; and

**Whereas**, while YKHC has worked with local, state, federal, tribal, and community partners and volunteers to respond to this emergency, assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is urgently needed to address the scale of the disaster; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that YKHC respectfully requests the President of the United States Donald Trump to declare a national emergency for Western Alaska due to the October 2025 West Coast Storm; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, YKHC urges the Federal Government to immediately deploy federal resources and aid to impacted communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, YKHC calls upon Federal and State resources to immediately evacuate the hundreds of remaining displaced individuals from impacted communities where they have

been subsisting in temporary shelters with limited provisions for days, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, YKHC calls upon Federal and State resources to provide transportation for displaced individuals to larger communities such as Anchorage and Fairbanks where they can access the FEMA Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program (TSA); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, YKHC calls upon FEMA to offer hotel accommodations to displaced individuals under its TSA program as it has done for disaster survivors in other areas of the United States;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, YKHC urges the Alaska Federation of Natives, the Congressional Delegation, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Governor of Alaska, and all other Federal and State departments and agencies to coordinate efforts to support the immediate response to this emergency and to commit the necessary resources for the long-term recovery from this disaster.

Certification

Duly adopted at the meeting of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation Board of Directors, a quorum being present, by a vote of 19 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 absent, this 15th day of October 2025.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Darren Cleveland, Chairman

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Rebecca Bostrom, Secretary