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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**RESOLUTION 25-10-03**

**TITLE: IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY FEDERAL DECLARATION AND  
ASSISTANCE DUE TO IMPACTS OF TYPHOON HALONG**

WHEREAS The Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) is the recognized tribal organization and non-profit Alaska Native regional corporation for its fifty-six member indigenous Native villages within Western Alaska, and supports the endeavors of its member villages; and

WHEREAS AVCP fully supports its member villages in all aspects of their self-determination, health, safety, and well-being; and

WHEREAS the remnants of Typhoon Halong have caused catastrophic flooding, destruction of homes, power outages, loss of subsistence foods and food resources that have increased food insecurity concerns without food for winter use, and displacement of families across Western Alaska; and

WHEREAS in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta (Y-K Delta) alone, more than 1,200 people have been displaced and are currently housed in shelters across many communities. Families are being flown by aircraft to hub villages such as Bethel or to Anchorage; and

WHEREAS dozens of homes have been pushed off foundations or swept away by floodwaters in Kipnuk, Kwigillingok, and other villages throughout the region; and

WHEREAS typhoon Halong brought record-breaking flood levels. For instance, Kipnuk saw water 6.6 feet above normal high tide; Kwigillingok reached 6.3 feet above high tide, and hurricane-force winds gusted up to 100 mph in communities, leaving behind a trail of serious damage; and

WHEREAS damage includes washed away airport runways and roads, cutting off access to many villages, including access to deploying much-needed immediate emergency aide; and

WHEREAS there is major coastal and infrastructure damage in Bethel, Kipnuk, Kwigillingok, Kotlik, and Napaskiak, Tuntutuliak, Nightmute, and many other western Alaskan communities; and

WHEREAS Search and rescue operations are ongoing, with Alaska National Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, and State Troopers deployed; 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

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October 12 and 14, 2025, to include the Yupiit, Pribilof Island, and Lower Kuskokwim Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAA); and

WHEREAS while these actions are appreciated and have activated critical assistance programs, they only begin to address the widespread devastation, and further expansion and resources are urgently needed to meet the full scope of community needs; and

WHEREAS AVCP has established an Emergency Management Control Center in Bethel, Alaska, and is working tirelessly to coordinate partnerships and support for affected communities; however, federal assistance is urgently needed to address the scale of the disaster and ensure effective response and recovery.

WHEREAS the disaster has continued to expose vulnerabilities in infrastructure, housing, and emergency preparedness for rural Alaska/extreme remote America, and highlights the need for stronger tribal-state-federal collaboration; and

WHEREAS AVCP and its partners have demonstrated the effectiveness of regionally coordinated emergency response models.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVCP urges the President of the United States to declare a national emergency for Western Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AVCP urges the Federal Government to deploy federal aid and personnel to the affected region imminently.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AVCP urges the Federal Government to establish a Western Alaska Response Center Hub in Bethel, Alaska, for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and fund public safety officers in every village to coordinate emergency response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AVCP urges the Federal Government to invest in permanent federal infrastructure and protection in the Arctic and ensure federal presence and resources are accessible to remote communities in the Bering Sea.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED AVCP urges AFN, Congressional delegation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Health and Human Services, and all other Federal agencies to coordinate efforts to provide immediate relief to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

ADOPTED by the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board during its regular meeting held in Anchorage, Alaska, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, with a duly constituted quorum of members.



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Thaddeus J. Tikiun, Chairman



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Vivian Korthuis, Chief Executive Officer