



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 2024 Valdez Invitational Ski Meet took place January 26th and 27th bringing high school skiers from around the state to our community; and

WHEREAS, Thompson Pass was unexpectedly closed due to inclement weather from January 28th through January 30th, stranding the several Fairbanks area ski teams who came to Valdez to compete in the event; and

WHEREAS, during the road closure, there was also substantial snow accumulation in Valdez, making it difficult for many residents, especially the elderly, to leave their homes; and

WHEREAS, many members of visiting ski teams from Lathrop High School, West Valley High School, Hutchinson High School and North Pole High School made the best of their time being stuck by pitching in to help Valdez residents with snow removal; and

WHEREAS, the shoveling efforts of these young athletes were noted by media outlets around the state and lauded by Valdez locals on social media; and

WHEREAS, the willingness these visiting skiers had to help a community other than their own shows both character and compassion; and

WHEREAS, the Valdez City Council is grateful for the help and kindness of these young people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sharon Scheidt, Mayor of the City of Valdez, Alaska, do hereby commend the selfless work of these student athletes and thank them for their thoughtful assistance on behalf of the residents of Valdez.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ATTEST:

Elise Sorum-Birk, Deputy City Clerk

Sharon Scheidt, Mayor