



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez values a safe and healthy workplace for all of our citizens;
and

WHEREAS, the majority of workplace injuries and fatalities are preventable, however more than 5,000 U.S. workers die each year from job-related injuries, and millions more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs tied to occupational injuries, illnesses and healthcare, as well as facing intangible costs of losing a loved one, friend or coworker; and

WHEREAS, by fostering a culture of safety, where every employee truly believes they have a right to a safe and healthy workplace, we can protect our workers, reduce workplace risks, and enhance productivity; and

WHEREAS, during the week of August 12th thru August 17th, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the membership of leading safety professional organizations, and corporate and association partners representing thousands of businesses will recognize the importance of safety and health programs in every workplace and encourage organizations to hold safety as a core value; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez will join these groups in celebrating Safe and Sound Week with our employees by engaging in activities to increase awareness of the value of following safe practices in the workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby proclaim, the week of August 12th to 17th, 2024, to be

Safe and Sound Week 2024

In Valdez, and encourage all organizations, community leaders, employers and employees to support activities designed to increase awareness of the importance of safe workplaces for all.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk