



# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez values safe and healthy workplaces for all our employees and citizens while recognizing that safe workplaces are sound businesses; and

WHEREAS, the majority of workplace injuries and fatalities are preventable, yet 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 not only a right to a safe and healthy workplace, but a responsibility for their own safety, as well as the safety of others, we can protect our workers, reduce workplace risks, and enhance productivity; and

WHEREAS, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and association partners representing thousands of businesses will mobilize throughout the United States to increase public awareness of the value of following safe practices and staying safe at work while helping companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, during the week of August 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the City of Valdez Administration and Employee Safety Committee will celebrate with the City employees to increase awareness of the value of following safe practices and staying safe at work while helping enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby announce and proclaim, August 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as

## **Safe + Sound Week 2025**

in Valdez, and encouraging 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

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Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk