



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez is committed to ensuring the safety and security of everyone who lives in or visits our community; and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys, are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, residents should follow three key calls to action: buy only UL listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach and continues to support ongoing fire prevention in the community through programs like those that provide smoke alarms for homes and loan chimney brushes to residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5 – 11, 2025 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in Valdez and encourage residents to educate themselves this week on fire prevention in general and lithium-ion battery safety specifically.

Dated the 7th day of October, 2025

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk