



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Senior Captain Mike Weber began his career with the City of Valdez, as a Firefighter on October 6, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Captain Weber demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership throughout his career earning promotions to Fire Lieutenant April 6, 1999, Fire Captain October 20, 2008, and Senior Captain on December 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Captain Weber served as Interim Fire Chief from August 2016 to January 2017; and

WHEREAS, alongside his duties as Fire Captain, Captain Weber has served as the Department's Backcountry Search and Rescue Team Coordinator, further demonstrating his unwavering commitment to public service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Captain Weber also served as the department's Training Officer, overseeing all the departments training, from Recruit Academies to Fire Officer Development; and

WHEREAS, Captain Weber is the recipient of several prestigious awards; in 2013 he received the Valdez Fire Department Firefighter of the Year, in 2017 he received the Ken Akerley Fire Service Leadership Award for his extraordinary leadership and commitment to the fire service in the State of Alaska, and in 2025 he received the Valdez Fire Departments Fire Department Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Captain Weber has contributed to the broader Alaska community through his role as a Fire Service Instructor, teaching a number of fire related topics across the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Captain Weber has been a true leader and mentor in the Alaska Fire Service and the Valdez Fire Department by exemplifying the department mission statement and values while demonstrating integrity, professionalism, respect, and valor; and

WHEREAS, Captain Weber leaves behind a legacy of a better prepared and trained fire department; one built on respect, innovation, and the unwavering belief that public service, at its best, is about partnership, progress, and people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby congratulate

CAPTAIN MIKE WEBER

on his retirement and ask the citizens of Valdez to join the City Council and his fellow city employees in recognition of Captain Weber's outstanding service to the community.

Dated the 7th day of July, 2026

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk