



PROCLAMATION

Animal Care and Control Officer Appreciation Week April 12 - 18th, 2026

WHEREAS, THE National Animal Control Association has designated the second week of April each year as Animal Care and Control Officer Appreciation Week; and

WHEREAS, the various Federal, State, and Local Government Officials throughout the country take this time to recognize, thank, and commend all Animal Control Officers and Animal Control Staff for the dedicated service they provide to the citizens, various Public Safety, Public Service Agencies and Departments across the country; and

WHEREAS, every day, Animal Control Officers put themselves in potentially dangerous situations to protect the health and welfare of all kinds of animals and the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation for the outstanding service the Valdez Animal Control Officer and staff provide daily to the citizens of the city and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez recognizes and commends Animal Control Officers and Animal Shelter staff for the many dedicated and long hours in serving this community and for providing the highest and most efficient level of customer service; and

WHEREAS, THE City of Valdez recognizes the Animal Control Officers who answer calls for assistance, capturing roaming and potentially dangerous animals, rescuing animals in distress, investigate reports of animal cruelty and neglect, provide education for pet guardians about responsible pet care and mediate disputes between neighbors regarding conflicts involving animals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby proclaim the week of April 12th – April 18th, 2026, as

Animal Care and Control Officer Appreciation Week

in the City of Valdez and encourage all citizens to join me in expressing their sincere appreciation for the service and dedication of our Animal Control Officers and Staff.

DATED this 17th day of March 2026.

City of Valdez, Alaska

ATTEST:

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk