



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Premier Alaska Tours was founded in 1995 under the leadership of Tim Worthen and Peter Grunwaldt as an Alaska-based receptive tour operator dedicated to showcasing Alaska through locally owned businesses and authentic experiences; and

WHEREAS, Premier Alaska Tours has filled a critical need in the marketplace by offering group and custom land itineraries that ventured beyond the traditional rail belt, often assuming development risk to open new opportunities for less-traveled regions and communities; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning, Premier Alaska Tours has included Valdez in its itineraries, offering guaranteed departures and one- and two-night stays, and over time has expanded to include custom series itineraries and single departure tours; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Premier Alaska Tours began offering shore excursion support for cruise ships making calls in Valdez, helping businesses and the community understand cruise industry needs, while assisting with product development, pricing, and marketing; and

WHEREAS, today Premier Alaska Tours plays a vital role in Valdez's visitor industry by assisting each cruise line calling on Valdez with comprehensive excursion planning, contracting, and delivery; and

WHEREAS, Premier Alaska Tours provides reliable transportation for Valdez high school teams during winter months, as well as for conventions, meetings, and oil spill exercises, ensuring safe travel even in challenging conditions; and

WHEREAS, Premier Alaska Tours actively supports the City of Valdez's Port and Economic Development Departments in securing cruise line contacts, marketing, and educational outreach, while also dedicating time to community tourism meetings, training sessions, and business development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Valdez is stronger because of Premier Alaska Tours' dedication to the tourism industry and its safe, professional, and courteous operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby recognize **Premier Alaska Tours** for its 30 years of service and invaluable contributions to the tourism industry and the community of Valdez.

Dated this 7th day of October 2025.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ATTEST:

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk