



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide initiative that recognizes the importance of workplace safety and health programs and encourages employers and employees to work together to create safe and healthy workplaces for all; and

WHEREAS, safe workplaces benefit employees, employers, and citizens alike while recognizing that safe workplaces are sound businesses; and

WHEREAS, the majority of workplace injuries and fatalities are preventable, yet more than 5,000 workers in the United States die each year from job-related injuries, and millions more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend an estimated \$170 billion annually on costs associated with occupational injuries, illnesses, and healthcare, in addition to the immeasurable personal impact of losing a loved one, friend, or coworker; and

WHEREAS, by fostering a culture of safety, where every employee understands both their right to a safe and healthy workplace and their responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others, organizations can reduce workplace risks, protect workers, and enhance productivity; and

WHEREAS, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and its association partners representing thousands of businesses and organizations across the United States will mobilize during Safe + Sound Week to increase awareness of the value of following safe practices and staying safe at work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment through training, hazard recognition, accountability, and continuous improvement of workplace safety practices; and

WHEREAS, during the week of August 10th through 16th, 2026, the City of Valdez Administration and Employee Safety Committee will celebrate Safe + Sound Week with City employees to increase awareness of the value of following safe practices and staying safe at work while helping enhance workplace safety efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby announce and proclaim, August 10th through 16th, 2026, as

Safe + Sound Week 2026

and encourage all organizations, community leaders, employers and employees to support activities designed to increase awareness of the importance of safe workplaces for all.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2026.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk