



CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 17-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA CELEBRATING THE 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRANS- ALASKA PIPELINE AND VALDEZ MARINE TERMINAL AND CONGRATULATING ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE COMPANY, THE EMPLOYEES, AND THE OWNER COMPANIES ON THIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline is one of the world's modern marvels taking three years, and two months to complete; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline route is 800 miles long, crosses three mountain ranges, and 534 major and minor streams; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of construction was \$8 billion, including \$6.6 billion for Pipeline construction and \$1.4 billion for Marine Terminal construction; and

WHEREAS, over the life of construction more than 70,000 people were employed, and at its peak in 1975 approximately 28,072 employees and contractors were working on TAPS at one time; and

WHEREAS, over a quarter of the Alyeska workforce of approximately 800 has been with the company for more than 20 years, some since start up; and

WHEREAS, oil first flowed from Pump Station 1 on June 20, 1977; and since then over 17.5 billion barrels of oil have been transported from Prudhoe Bay on the frozen North Slope to the northernmost ice-free port in North America at Valdez; and

WHEREAS, TAPS has contributed \$168 billion in cumulative deposits to the State of Alaska general fund and provides revenues which support communities, businesses, schools and nonprofit organizations, creating jobs and opportunities for thousands of Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, Alyeska has contributed \$41 million in charitable contributions, \$7 million in scholarships and donated more than 24,000 volunteer hours in Alaska communities since 1978; and

WHEREAS, Alyeska's Ship Escort Response Vessel System (SERVS) continues to provide safe, reliable, operational excellence in Prince William Sound amid extreme geography and weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and the owner companies have been gracious community partners in Valdez; and

WHEREAS, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company provides unparalleled support to Valdez through jobs, continued facility maintenance and upgrades, emergency response, community and employee contributions, volunteerism, and much more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Valdez, Alaska celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and the Valdez Marine Terminal and recognizes Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, their employees and the owner companies on this outstanding achievement.

Section 2. On this 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline the City of Valdez expresses their sincere gratitude to Alyeska for donating the "Pipeline Worker Statue" to the community, which will serve as the centerpiece for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline interpretive display at the John Kelsey Municipal Dock.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA this 15th day of August, 2017.

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Ruth E. Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk