



# *PROCLAMATION*

*Public Service Recognition Month*

*May 2026*

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez is strengthened each day by the dedication, professionalism, and service of its public employees across all departments; and

WHEREAS, public servants work around the clock to protect life and property, maintain critical infrastructure, support economic vitality, and deliver essential services that ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, May is recognized nationally as a time to honor public service, including **Public Service Recognition Week**, which celebrates the individuals who serve at the local, state, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez proudly recognizes the many additional observances in May that highlight the depth and diversity of public service, including:

- **National First Responders Month**, honoring the Police, Fire, and EMS personnel who respond with courage, skill, and compassion in times of need; and
- **Building Safety Month**, recognizing Community Development professionals who ensure safe, resilient, and sustainable building practices; and
- **Maritime Industry Month**, recognizing the vital work of our Ports & Harbors crew in supporting safe navigation, commerce, and our working waterfront; and
- **National Boat Safety Week**, promoting safe and responsible recreation on the water and recognizing the role of our Ports & Harbors team in keeping mariners safe; and
- **National Police Week**, paying tribute to law enforcement officers for their commitment to public safety and remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and
- **National EMS Week**, honoring emergency medical services professionals for their lifesaving care and critical role in emergency response; and
- **National Firefighters Day**, recognizing firefighters for their bravery, service, and unwavering commitment to protecting our community; and

WHEREAS, these observances collectively reflect the teamwork, coordination, and shared mission across all City departments—Public Works, Police, Fire & EMS, Ports & Harbors, Community Development, Capital Facilities, Parks & Recreation, I.T., City Clerks, Human Resources, Economic Development, Finance and Administration—working together to serve Valdez; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez is deeply grateful for the employees who demonstrate daily commitment to service to the community through integrity, innovation, stewardship, and celebration, often behind the scenes and always with purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Austin Love, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Valdez, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

**Public Service Recognition Month**

and encourage all residents to recognize, thank, and celebrate the public servants who help make Valdez a safe, resilient, and thriving community.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2026.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

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Austin Love, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk