



PROCLAMATION

Recognizing the Valdez Dance Company

WHEREAS, the Valdez Dance Company has been a pillar of artistic expression and community engagement in Valdez for the past eleven years, providing youth and adults with invaluable opportunities to develop their skills, confidence, and passion for dance; and

WHEREAS, the company has fostered a love for the performing arts, enriching the cultural landscape of Valdez through high-quality instruction, performances, and outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, through dedication, discipline, and teamwork, the dancers of the Valdez Dance Company have represented our city with grace and excellence, achieving remarkable success at the recent Starpower & 5678 Showtime competitions; and

WHEREAS, the instructors, staff, and families supporting the Valdez Dance Company have played an essential role in encouraging artistic growth, perseverance, and community spirit among the dancers; and

WHEREAS, the company offers a family environment where everyone who walks through the door can feel at home and see the care which goes into each child as they learn social & emotional skills such as respect, teamwork, confidence, responsibility, and work ethic; and

WHEREAS, The Valdez Dance Company's four competitive dance teams participated in the Starpower National Dance Competition and the 5678 Showtime! International Dance Competition; and

WHEREAS, these teams received numerous awards including twelve 1st place and four Judge's Choice Awards; and

WHEREAS, the Sapphires team won a Choreography Award for their dance 'Snow'; and

WHEREAS, the Acro team won the Regional Championship for their dance 'Ghost of the Sky'; and

WHEREAS, the teams received invitations to the World Dance Championship & National Dance Championship for their dances 'Snow', 'Ghost of the Sky', and 'Human'; and

WHEREAS, Mary Gilson was crowned Miss Teen Starpower with Averey Franklin as second runner up; and

WHEREAS, the Travel Team will be flying to New York in December to perform in Times Square and on stage at Broadway's New Amsterdam Theater, as well as participate in a workshop with the Radio City Rockettes; and

WHEREAS, the Travel Team has fundraised over \$25,000 to cover the full cost of the New York program for all 24 dancers traveling, while learning life skills including long term financial planning & goal setting, customer service, money handling, food safety, and community pride & responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez takes great pride in recognizing organizations which inspire and uplift our community through the arts and congratulates the Valdez Dance Company on a decade of outstanding contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Austin Love, Mayor Pro-Temp of the City of Valdez, do hereby congratulate the Valdez Dance Company on their accomplishments and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements of this exceptional organization and recognize its positive impact on our community.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Austin Love, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk