



CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 25-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, RECOGNIZING BART HINKLE FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF VALDEZ

WHEREAS, Chief Bart Hinkle began his career with the City of Valdez, as a Police Officer on July 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hinkle has demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership throughout his career earning promotions to Sergeant on January 1, 2006, 1st Sergeant on April 5, 2010, and Lieutenant on February 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hinkle served as Interim Police Chief from November 6, 2015, to February 1, 2016, when he was promoted permanently to the role of Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, alongside his duties as Police Chief, Chief Hinkle has served as Assistant City Manager since May 9, 2023, until March 28, 2025, when he accepted the assignment as Interim City Manager, further demonstrating his unwavering commitment to public service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hinkle has received numerous accolades and letters of accommodation during his service with the City of Valdez, including the Croix de Negotiator Laurel, which he was awarded for maintaining the presence of composure while using alert talk-down techniques under extreme circumstances to prevent a suicide; and

WHEREAS, he also was honored with the Alaska Community Award of Excellence by the Alaska Municipal League for his service and dedication to the ALICE program (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate); and

WHEREAS, Chief Hinkle has selflessly served the community in various capacities, including roles with Advocates for Victims of Violence, Valdez High School Basketball Assistant Coach, Valdez Youth Court Board of Directors, and City of Valdez Library Board; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hinkle has contributed to the broader Alaska community through his role as an Adjunct Instructor with UAA/PWSC, teaching “Introduction to Criminal Justice,” and through his service on the AMLJIA Police Professional Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hinkle has been an invaluable asset to the City of Valdez, renowned for his compassion in dealing with constituents regardless of their circumstances, and for his unwavering dedication to seeking justice for the Valdez community; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hinkle has established the culture and has led the Valdez Police Department by exemplifying the department mission statement and values “to provide excellent service and protection through leadership and partnership with the community” while demonstrating integrity, professionalism, respect, and valor; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hinkle leaves behind a legacy of a safer, stronger, and more connected community; one built on respect, innovation, and the unwavering belief that public service, at its best, is about partnership, progress, and people.

NOW THEREFORE I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby present Chief Bart Hinkle on his retirement this resolution and ask the citizens of Valdez to join the City Council and his fellow city employees in recognition of Chief Hinkle’s outstanding service to the community.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 29th day of April 2025.

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Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Piece, MMC, City Clerk