



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 39th President of the United States, James Earl Carter, Jr., passed away at the age of 100 on December 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from the U.S. Naval academy and several years of service in the United States Navy, President Carter returned to his hometown of Plains, Georgia where he took over the family farm and actively engaged in civic life by participating in his church community and serving on his local library and hospital boards; and

WHEREAS, his deep faith inspired a passion for public service that led him to be elected State Senator, Georgia's 76th Governor, and ultimately President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, under President Carter's leadership, the modern Department of Education and the Department of Energy were created, and conservation, education and foreign policy efforts that aimed to create a more just world were championed; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to uplifting the most vulnerable was at the heart of his work throughout his life and he was awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize in honor of his tireless international efforts to broker peace, eradicate disease, house the homeless, and protect human rights, freedom, and democracy; and

WHEREAS, President Biden lauded President Carter's unwavering belief in the power of human goodness and the God-given dignity of every human being and declared January 9, 2025, as a National Day of Mourning in the United States to honor President Carter's selfless legacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby proclaim that January 9, 2025, the:

National Day of Mourning for President Carter

be observed in Valdez and invite our community to reflect on the extraordinary life of President Carter and honor his legacy of faith, service and kindness.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk