



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard has had a presence in Alaskan waters for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard's Arctic District encompasses over 3,853,500 square miles and over 47,300 miles of shoreline throughout Alaska and the Arctic, with the mission to serve and safeguard the public, protect the environment and its resources, and defend the nation's interests in the Alaska maritime region; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard played an instrumental role in managing Valdez's two largest historic disasters, with the response of the Coast Guard Cutter Sedge after the 1964 Earthquake and the Coast Guard's oversight of response efforts and coordination of other federal resources after the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, an event that involved service from about 1100 Coast Guard personnel over a six-month period; and

WHEREAS, Valdez proudly serves as the home to Marine Safety Unit Valdez, Station Valdez, Sector Field Office Valdez, Electronics Support Detachment Unit Valdez, Independent Health Services Technician, and homeport for the USCG Cutter Blacktip; and

WHEREAS, the significant presence of the United States Coast Guard in Valdez greatly aids maritime industry operations, safe vessel navigation and emergency response capabilities in the area; and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard service members and their families play a key role in making Valdez a vibrant and appealing place to live; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021, Valdez was named a Coast Guard City in recognition of the efforts made to make Coast Guard men and women feel at home in our community; and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard Day is an annual celebration of the founding of the United States Coast Guard as the Revenue Marine on August 4, 1790, by then-Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, Alaska, do hereby recognize Tuesday, August 4, 2026 as

COAST GUARD DAY

in Valdez and urge our community to show sincere appreciation to the service members who provide critical support for maritime safety and security in Port Valdez, Prince William Sound and across Alaska throughout this month.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2026.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk