



## *PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, for more than a century the bicycle has been an utilitarian, economical, environmentally sound and effective means of personal transportation, recreation and fitness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez encourages the use of bicycles as a means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez recognizes the bicycle as a legitimate roadway vehicle and therefore is entitled to legal and responsible use of all public roadway facilities in Valdez; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez encourages the increased use of the bicycle, benefiting all citizens of Valdez by improving air quality, reducing traffic congestion and noise, decreasing the use of and dependence upon finite energy sources, and fostering exercise; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez, recognizing the use of bicycles as a viable mode of transportation, endeavors to promote safe and responsible bicycling and is committed to incorporating the development of bicycle facilities in the vision for our community; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists has established May as National Bicycle Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby proclaim, May 16<sup>th</sup> thru May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, as

### NATIONAL BIKE WEEK

in the City of Valdez, and encourage all citizens to ride their bicycles to work, to the store, to the park, around their neighborhoods and with friends and family to promote the personal and societal benefits achieved from bicycling.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

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Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk