



# *PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez value safe and healthy workplaces for all of our employees and citizens while recognizing that safe workplaces are sound businesses; and

WHEREAS, the majority of workplace injuries and fatalities are preventable, however more than 5,000 U.S. workers die each year from job-related injuries, and millions more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs tied to occupational injuries, illnesses and healthcare, as well as facing intangible costs of losing a loved one, friend or coworker; and

WHEREAS, safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction, a better reputation and an improved bottom line; and

WHEREAS, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and association partners representing thousands of businesses will mobilize throughout the United States in an effort to increase public awareness of the value of following safe practices and staying safe at work while helping companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, during the week of Aug. 21-27, 2022, the City of Valdez Administration and Employee Safety Committee will celebrate with the City employees in an effort to increase awareness of the value of following safe practices and staying safe at work while helping enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sharon Scheidt, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby announce and proclaim, Aug. 21-27, 2022, to be

## **Safe + Sound Week**

And encouraging all organizations, community leaders, employers and employees to support activities designed to increase awareness of the importance of safe workplaces for all.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

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Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk