PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual opportunity to increase awareness of breast cancer, encourage appropriate screening, support people diagnosed with the disease, and advance research and access to quality care; and

WHEREAS, early detection can improve the chances of successful treatment, and women and men are encouraged to know their personal risk, recognize changes in their breasts, and talk with a health care provider about appropriate screening and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer can affect men as well as women, and the American Cancer Society estimates approximately 2,670 men in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in 2026; and

WHEREAS, October 13th is nationally recognized as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, bringing attention to metastatic, or stage IV, breast cancer, which has spread beyond the breast and nearby lymph nodes to other parts of the body and, while treatable, currently has no cure; and

WHEREAS, Valdez Wears Pink Day is a time to remember those we have lost to breast cancer, celebrate survivors, stand with those living with and being treated for breast cancer, and support their families, friends, caregivers, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, by wearing pink and sharing trusted information about breast health, our community can help raise awareness, encourage timely care, and show support for all those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, Alaska, do hereby recognize Tuesday, October 13, 2026, as:

VALDEZ WEARS PINK DAY

in Valdez and urge City employees, local businesses and organizations, and members of the public to wear pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day; to remember those we have lost, celebrate survivors, champion those still facing breast cancer, and encourage women and men to know their risk, recognize changes, and seek recommended screening and medical care.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2026.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ATTEST:

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Dennis Fleming, Mayor

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk