

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #17-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, COMMENDING MR. STEVE WALLER FOR 30 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY AND TO THE CITIZENS OF VALDEZ ON THE OCCASION OF HIS MAY 2017 RETIREMENT AS THE CITY'S HARBOR MAINTENANCE MANAGER

WHEREAS, Steve Waller started his employment with the City of Valdez, working at the Valdez Small Boat Harbor in February of 1987; and

WHEREAS, Steve Waller, following a debilitating motorcycle accident early in his career with the city, persevered in continuing and excelling at his physically challenging work and service with the Valdez Small Boat Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Steve Waller, has always been exemplary, to his last weeks of employment in his willingness to get his hands dirty accomplishing, not only the more technically demanding but also some of the tougher and less pleasant but never-the-less critical waste disposal system maintenance tasks; and

WHEREAS, Over his 30 year career the amount, complexity, and sophistication of city owned equipment, used and mechanically maintained under Steve Waller's direction at the small Boat Harbor has increased; and

WHEREAS, Steve Waller, through his pleasant and largely unflappable demeanor and interactions with innumerable harbor customers and three decades of Harbor staff coworkers has become a trusted waterfront institution; and

WHEREAS, Steve Waller, has personified diligent public service for harbor users and especially winter live-aboard Harbor tenants with tireless and often near-heroic all-hours dock and walkway snow removal efforts under frequently treacherous conditions in the snowiest and often windiest town and Harbor in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Steve Waller, in response to changes in staffing and supervision stepped up to fill staffing needs and serve the City of Valdez in various capacities at times including periods of service as both the Assistant and as the lead Harbor Master; and

WHEREAS, Steve Waller, in addition to his 30 years of service as a city employee, has been actively involved with motorcycle safety advocacy and the ABATE (Alaskan Bikers Advocating Training and Education) organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that

On the Occasion of his retirement as the City of Valdez, Small Boat Harbor Maintenance Manager, Mr. Steve Waller is hereby recognized and commended for his 30 years of exemplary service to the City and citizens of Valdez.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

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Ruth E. Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk