



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Hiking Society's **National Trails Day** is a celebration of America's magnificent trail system, occurring annually on the first Saturday in June; and

WHEREAS, National Trails Day is a day aimed at advocacy and trail service when thousands of hikers, bikers, rowers, horseback riders, trail clubs, federal and local agencies, land trusts, and businesses come together in partnership to advocate for, maintain, and clean up public lands and trails; and

WHEREAS, National Trails Day unites the trails community by connecting more people to trails and public lands with the goals of improving the places we love, sustaining America's remarkable trails system, and preserving beloved trails for future generations; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, an estimated 24,000 trail volunteers helped build and maintain nearly 800 miles of trail across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Valdez community appreciates the hard work and tireless dedication of City Parks Maintenance supervisor Marcie Robertson, City Parks Maintenance staff and the Valdez Adventure Alliance in their efforts to maintain Valdez area trails; and

WHEREAS, the Valdez Adventure Alliance, in support of local recreational and stewardship efforts, has registered a Shoup Trail community service project for National Trails Day; and

WHEREAS, the Valdez community recognizes our local trails system is an important community resource for the enjoyment, physical health, and mental well-being of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeremy O'Neil, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 1, 2019 as

COMMUNITY TRAILS DAY

and urge citizens to support our local trails system through stewardship activities and enjoyment of all the trails have to offer.

DATED this 20th day of May 2019.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Jeremy O'Neil, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk