



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: John S. Cullen, MD, has provided distinguished service and guidance as a member of Valdez's medical staff for the past 25 years, and his leadership has been instrumental in numerous efforts to save lives, improve care and promote the health and wellbeing of Valdez's residents; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Cullen has established himself as a national leader in the field of family medicine, serving as the current president and director of the American Academy of Family Physicians, an organization that represents 134,600 physicians and medical students; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Cullen had previously served on the Alaska State Medical Board, National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, as well as numerous other health policy and reform focused efforts; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Cullen has contributed to the development of the next generation of physicians by aiding the clinical rotation of medical students and residents in Valdez, and as an associate clinical professor at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Cullen has championed the cause of rural obstetrical practice leading to infant mortality rates in Valdez being among the lowest in the state and nation; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Cullen through all his advocacy, practice and publications, has unabashedly showcased his community of Valdez, its natural splendor, amazing people and exceptional quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeremy O'Neil Mayor of the City of Valdez, Alaska, do hereby recognize Dr. John Cullen for his distinguished service, and his devotion to provide 25 years of family medical care to the citizens of Valdez.

DATED this 3rd day of September, 2019.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

Jeremy O'Neil, Mayor