



# *PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, since 1985, the first full week in May has been set aside to honor the millions of public employees at the federal, state, county, and city levels, and

WHEREAS, Americans are served every single day by public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels. These unsung heroes do the work that keeps our nation working, and their tireless efforts are especially critical today during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, public employees take not only jobs, but solemn oaths; and

WHEREAS, many public servants, including military personnel, police officers, firefighters, border patrol officers, embassy employees, aid workers, health care professionals, intelligence officers and others, risk their lives each day in service to the Constitution and people of the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, public servants include teachers, doctors and scientists ... train conductors and astronauts ... nurses and safety inspectors ... laborers, computer technicians and social workers ... and countless other occupations. Day in and day out they continue to fulfill their duties during a public health crisis—even at personal risk—to provide the diverse services demanded by the American people of their government with efficiency and integrity; and

WHEREAS, without these public servants at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby announce and proclaim to all citizens, that the week of May 3rd thru May 9<sup>th</sup> is

## **Public Service Recognition Week**

And encourage all citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees at all levels—federal, state, county and city.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

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Jeremy O'Neil, Mayor

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk