



CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION TO JIM POOR

I, Mayor James Kallander, on behalf of myself and the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, do hereby issue this Proclamation of Appreciation to Jim Poor for his incredibly valuable contributions to the fishing industry in Alaska and to all of the citizens of Cordova past and present who have become successful due to his foresight, economic prowess and vision for future development and economic growth.

WHEREAS, Jim Poor started his career in the seafood business as a young teen in 1948 icing and grading salmon in Westport, Washington and after graduating from high school bought an Alaska Steamship ticket and travelled to Ketchikan where he began butchering Dungeness crab eighteen hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, with his second paycheck he bought a ticket for his high school sweetheart, **Ruth** to come to Ketchikan and work as a crab shaker before marrying her on August 12, 1950; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, **Jim Poor** took a barge named "Success" at Westport and installed a crab line and salmon line, the first of many canneries that **Jim Poor** would build in his career; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, **Jim Poor** built and operated Pt. Chehalis Packing Company at Westport, Washington and two years later built and operated Fuford's Crab Plant at Douglas, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 **Jim Poor** set his sights on Cordova bringing the 87-foot power scow Josie to process crab and with fourteen shakers processed 50,000 to 60,000 Dungeness a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, in 1959 **Jim Poor** bought what is now the Prince William Sound Science Center and turned it into Pt. Chehalis Packers, where he kept fifty shakers working; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, **Jim Poor** built a new Pt. Chehalis plant on shore which is now home to Trident North and then in 1966 expanded again by building another Pt. Chehalis plant in Kodiak, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 he bought the Leschi, a ferry boat and turned it into a floating processing boat called St. Elias before turning it into a shore based plant which now houses Ocean Beauty Seafood; and

WHEREAS, **Jim Poor's** final cannery project was Peter Pan Seafoods in Valdez which produced 540 one pound cans a minute; but amidst all this, **Jim Poor** still found time for civic responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, **Jim Poor** was a tremendous volunteer in Cordova serving on the Planning Commission for two years, City Council for four years and as Cordova's Mayor for ten years; and

WHEREAS, while Mayor, **Jim Poor** brought Cordova a swimming pool, ski hill infrastructure and new harbor as well as investing and building many businesses like the Reluctant Fisherman Inn, the Frontier Building, the original Redden Net building and the Black Sheep not to mention many private houses; and

WHEREAS, **Jim and Ruth Poor** raised three children while treating and supporting many other youth, young fishermen and cannery workers in Cordova as members of their big Cordova family; and

WHEREAS, the obvious contributions to the long-term sustainability and success of the community of Cordova are due to the energy and ideas of this one man.

NOW, THEREFORE BE, IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor, City Council members and citizens of Cordova do hereby express their most sincere appreciation to **Jim Poor** for the unbelievable contributions he has made and the indelible mark his life has had on the past, present and future of the fishing town that is Cordova, Alaska.

SIGNED THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE, 2012


James Kallander, Mayor

