

*City of Cordova, Alaska*  
*Proclamation of Appreciation to*  
*Clay Koplín*

**I, Mayor David Allison, do hereby issue this Proclamation of Appreciation to *Clay Koplín* for his countless valuable contributions to the City of Cordova while serving as Mayor of Cordova from 2016 through 2022**

WHEREAS, *Clay Koplín* ran for Cordova Mayor in March 2016 against a field of popular and well-respected Cordovans and he won by a large margin without even need of a runoff election and after three years, in March 2019, he selflessly gave of his time again and handily won another three-year term; and

WHEREAS, his dedicated leadership was evident from the beginning of his service as Mayor, he excelled at competently chairing City Council meetings, ensuring public input was given and heard, directing Council discussion in an organized and effective way which led to good decisions for the benefit of all Cordovans; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, *Clay Koplín* championed Cordova's never-ending battle for better transportation service, namely, the Alaska Marine Highway System; his efforts proved advantageous as ferry schedules in Cordova have become more consistent and overhaul status and downtime for Cordova ferries has decreased dramatically of late; and

WHEREAS, *Clay Koplín* guided City Council through the unenviable task of searching for City Managers twice during his tenure and handled the assignment successfully both times; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor of Cordova, *Clay Koplín* gave important encouragement to the Fisheries Development Committee, prompting the inception of a PWS Tanner Crab Fishery; he wrote countless letters to State and Federal Legislators, granting agencies, business owners, Commissioners, Alaska Governors and anyone else as asked to by the City Council in furtherance of projects, in seeking solutions to problems, as requests for budgets or other needs of the City of Cordova; and

WHEREAS, *Clay Koplín* facilitated the health care collaboration that remains ongoing between CCMC and the Native Village of Eyak, he lobbied in Washington, DC and Juneau for Cordova's priorities, he worked with City staff, committee members, and contractors toward the 2019 Cordova Comprehensive Plan Update and he led Cordova citizens and the Incident Management Team through the challenging and unprecedented COVID-19 emergency as public information officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor, the City Council members, City staff and citizens of Cordova do hereby express their sincere appreciation to *Clay Koplín* for his willingness and ability to lead our City so admirably these several years.

*Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2022*

  
*David Allison, Mayor*

