# CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
# PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION TO

# JEFF GUARD

**I, Mayor David Allison, do hereby issue this Proclamation of Appreciation to *Jeff Guard* for his dedication and contributions to the betterment of the City of Cordova while serving as a City Council Member**

**WHEREAS**, *Jeff Guard* served on City Council from October 1994–1996, was elected to serve as City Council Member more than twenty years later in March 2017, and graciously ran again in 2020, when it became clear that no others were stepping up in service to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, at the beginning of his recent 6-year tenure, *Jeff Guard* helped guide the City through difficult financial decisions as the struggling Medical Center required several infusions of City resources; and

**WHEREAS**, as revenue sources fluctuated, *Jeff Guard* was a Council member willing to make unpopular votes to balance City budgets, carefully weighing citizen input and concerns of the Cordova business community; and

**WHEREAS**, his patient demeanor and discerning nature helped guide Cordova through the stressful Covid-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, *Jeff Guard* championed important causes such as the Comprehensive Plan update, Fisheries issues, Cordova Harbor projects, while prioritizing balance between economic development, cost of living increases, and quality of life improvements for the citizens of Cordova; and

**WHEREAS**, at City Council meetings, he often communicated his opinion regarding the proficiency of City staff members which boosted morale; *Jeff Guard* came to City Hall periodically, he discussed pending issues with Clerk, Manager and staff and his presence and active listening skills were noticed and appreciated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor, City Council members, City staff and citizens of Cordova do hereby express their sincere appreciation to *Jeff Guard* for his willingness to dedicate many hours of his own time in service to the Community as a valued City Council member.

**SIGNED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY 2023**

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**David Allison, Mayor**