

City of Cordova, Alaska

PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION TO

Mike Hicks

I, Mayor David Allison, do hereby issue this Proclamation of Appreciation to Mike Hicks for his invaluable contributions to the citizens and City of Cordova as a long-serving member and officer of the Cordova Volunteer Fire Department, a public servant, and an unselfish and generous citizen and neighbor

WHEREAS, Mike moved to Cordova for employment as a Chief with the United States Coast Guard in 1988 and quickly involved himself in community activities; and

WHEREAS, Mike served the community in various ways: after his retirement from the USCG, he began employment with the City, held positions of Dispatcher, Community Service Officer, Police Officer, Chief of Police, and Interim City Manager. Between these varied City posts, *Mike* also served the community as a State of Alaska Wildlife Trooper; and

WHEREAS, Mike joined the CVFD in 1989, received his Fire Fighter designation with the State of Alaska in July of 1990, and then received his ETT (emergency trauma technician) certification in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mike became a Lieutenant with the CVFD in August 1997, and was elected Chief of the CVFD in 2004 - serving in that capacity until his retirement in April 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mike was named Firefighter of the Year in 2006, he helped save numerous lives in his capacity with the CVFD, he endured extremely stressful and dangerous situations with professionalism and grit; and

WHEREAS, co-workers and friends have always been entertained by Mike's never-ending tales; he has an uncanny ability to improvise and has a story for any topic that might crop up; and

WHEREAS, Mike's service to the Community of Cordova, and CVFD extended over 30 years, with 18 of those years as elected Chief of the CVFD; he received numerous awards, certificates, and commendations, and inspired and encouraged others to likewise serve their community; and

WHEREAS, Mike and his family have sacrificed thousands of hours over the years in his call to service of, and for, the community; and

WHEREAS, Mike has retired, again, has moved on to his next adventure, and turned over his CVFD duties to a capable, new generation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor, the City Council, and the citizens of Cordova hereby express their sincerest appreciation to *Mike Hicks* for his long-time devotion as Chief and volunteer serving the Cordova Volunteer Fire Department and for his overall dedication and involvement as a citizen of Cordova.

Mike is truly a perfect example of thriving through service to one's community.

Signed this 15th day of June 2022



David L. Allison, Mayor

