## City of Cordova, Alaska PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation of the Mayor of Cordova, Alaska recognizing the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Sobriety Celebration & Memorial Potlatch "MENDING CULTURAL CONNECTIONS" sponsored by the Native Village of Eyak

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse are serious health and social concerns that may negatively impact individuals, family members and entire communities; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Eyak promotes sobriety through social gatherings and education; and

WHEREAS, the Sobriety Celebration's mission is to bring awareness of alcoholism and drug abuse to the community, and to use cultural healing to aid those suffering from dependency; and

WHEREAS, "Mending Cultural Connections" is the theme of the Native Village of Eyak's 27th Annual Sobriety Celebration & Memorial Potlatch to be held in Cordova on November 11, 12 and 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Eyak invites everyone to celebrate the progress that has been made in promoting and achieving sobriety through the sharing of traditional foods, an arts and crafts fair, educational workshops and inspirational speakers; and

WHEREAS, the weekend Celebration will also include the sobriety countdown, Alaskan Native dancing, 12-step meetings and an event honoring Elders, youth and Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT I, Mayor David Allison, on behalf of the City Council and the community of Cordova, do hereby declare that the Native Village of Eyak's 27th Annual Sobriety Celebration & Memorial Potlatch is an inspiration of community commitment that addresses alcohol and drug abuse using cultural connections and shared heritage.

Signed this  $2^{nd}$  day of November 2022

David Allison, Mayor

