

City of Cordova, Alaska

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA RECOGNIZING THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE CITY OF CORDOVA

WHEREAS, Cordova is a maritime community linked to the sea by its location and it is the largest commercial fishing port in the region; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard safeguards the maritime interests and natural resources in the Gulf of Alaska and Prince William Sound; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard protects those on the sea leading responses to maritime disasters and ensuring a safe and secure maritime transportation system, preventing incidents and rescuing those in distress; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard has ensured the safety of mariners navigating our region since 1937 with the USCG cutters Sorrel, Sweetbrier, Sycamore and Fir, and an Aviation Support Facility; and

WHEREAS, Cordova is home port for the FIR, a 225-foot seagoing buoy tender and its crew of 50 personnel who maintain aids to navigation, conduct search and rescue and law enforcement missions, and assist in containing and recovering oil spills; and

WHEREAS, having the U.S. Coast Guard in Cordova is a tremendous advantage for the safety of Cordova's fishing fleet; and

WHEREAS, USCG families are a significant contributor to Cordova, attending our schools, supporting local businesses, and engaging in our community; and

WHEREAS, USCG staff and families have consistently demonstrated their dedication to Cordova with their volunteer efforts during emergencies like "Snowpocalypse" and community service projects like annual cleanup events, sports activities and non-profit events and as members of our volunteer Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the City of Cordova recognizes the professional work and many contributions of the Coast Guard men and women assigned to this area, and proudly celebrates the United States Coast Guard's recognition of Cordova as a Coast Guard City.

Mayor Clay Koplín hereby presents to U.S. Coast Guard the Key to the City of Cordova.

Signed this 15th day of January 2020

Clay R. Koplín, Mayor