City of Cordova, Alaska

PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION TO

William “Bill” Gilbert

I, Mayor Clay R. Koplin, do hereby issue this Proclamation of Appreciation to William “Bill” Gilbert, Trident South Plant Manager, for his years of invaluable contributions to Cordova, its fisheries, fishermen, plant employees and families, upon his retirement from Trident Seafoods and the Alaska Seafood Industry.

WHEREAS, Bill arrived in Cordova to manage the Norquest/Silver Lining Seafoods plant in 1992; and

WHEREAS, throughout his time as plant manager, he worked tirelessly to bring the highest quality Copper River and Prince William Sound salmon, halibut, and sablefish to markets around the world; and

WHEREAS, over his tenure, longline boats from across Alaska came out of their way to make deliveries in Cordova out of respect and admiration for Bill; and

WHEREAS, such deliveries contributed significantly to the economy of the community of Cordova and allowed Bill the opportunity to perfect his smoked black cod recipe which has been enjoyed by countless visitors to Trident’s South Plant; and

WHEREAS, Bill generously volunteered many personal hours, resources and guidance in aiding many organizations, causes, and fellow waterfront businesses; and

WHEREAS, he always strove for the betterment of the livelihoods of generations of fishermen, tendermen, and resource managers working in Cordova; and

WHEREAS, Bill’s passion for the science, management and sustainability of Alaska’s fishery resources is a cornerstone of his life philosophy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor, the City Council, and the citizens of Cordova hereby express their sincerest appreciation to Bill Gilbert for his long-time devotion as a resident, seafood professional and personal champion and supporter of the economy, resources and residents of the City of Cordova, Alaska.

Signed this 7th day of June, 2017

Clay R. Koplin, Mayor