

City of Cordova, Alaska
Proclamation of Appreciation to
James Burton

I, Mayor Clay Koplin, do hereby issue this Proclamation of Appreciation to *James Burton* for his countless valuable contributions to the City of Cordova

WHEREAS, *James Burton* ran for City Council Seat G in March 2013 against two other popular and well-respected Cordovans which resulted in a run-off election in April 2013; and

WHEREAS, *James Burton* emerged victorious in the April 2013 run-off and was therefore, seated at the Council table for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, after three years *James Burton* contemplated allowing others the opportunity to serve but when it seemed as though no one at all would run for Council Seat A in March 2016, he selflessly declared candidacy and was again elected to a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, before the Cordova Community Medical Center became the Cordova Community Medical Center Authority it was run by a City Council-appointed Board called the Health Services Board; and

WHEREAS, during tumultuous times of financial hardship at the Medical Center, which encompassed all of *James Burton's* Council service years, the City Council sat as the HSB; and

WHEREAS, in his 6 years on City Council and the Health Services Board, *James Burton*, prepared for and attended City meetings at least 3 times per month, and often many more than that; and

WHEREAS, in all of his years on Council, *James Burton* also served and gave leadership to the Harbor Commission; he assisted with hiring city managers, and most notably, shepherded projects such as the North Harbor renovations, the extension of the Breakwater, the creation of the Breakwater Fill Lot, the City Water Department LT2 project, the Paving of the South Fill Development Park and most significantly, completion of the Cordova Center in addition to numerous smaller Citywide improvements and projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE, IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor, the City Council members and citizens of Cordova do hereby express their sincere appreciation to *James Burton* for his willingness and ability to research the tough issues confronting him, to articulately express his studied perspective, and to faithfully discharge the duties required of him for the betterment of the community of Cordova, Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that all who shared the City Council table with him will forever be grateful for *James Burton's* ability to make other Council members feel welcome and appreciated, and that all the City Managers and Clerks he supervised and the employees that worked for them are forever grateful for his support and admiration of the work they perform for the City of Cordova.

Signed this 19th Day of June 2019



Clay R. Koplin, Mayor