CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION ON THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF
HELEN GRINDLE

WHEREAS, Helen Marion Dahlgren was born on July 2, 1913 in Cape Yakataga, Alaska and is celebrating her 100th birthday this year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grindle was born in a time and place very different from today's Alaska; as beautiful and rich in resources as today, it was more remote and required great self-sufficiency; growing up, Mrs. Grindle and her family filled their larder by hunting, fishing, trapping, and berry picking – all done on foot or by small boats; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grindle married her loving husband, Melvin Walter Grindle, in 1935; they were blessed with four children and have 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grindle was an extremely hard worker and devoted mother; after the early death of her husband, she raised her four children by herself; she worked at multiple positions in almost all of Cordova's canneries from the 1940's to the 1980's; served as the city's jail matron for a time, and still made time to pick gallons of strawberries, blueberries, nagoon berries and salmon berries, and spend time with her children and other family members; and

WHEREAS, map makers have already acknowledged this family's contributions in naming the Dahlgren Ridge and Grindle Hills, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grindle, who still resides in Cordova with her son, has been a blessing to all she has come in contact with over the past 100 years and is joined by friends and family on her birthday to celebrate this exciting milestone in her life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor of the City of Cordova, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby wish Mrs. Helen Grindle a very happy 100th birthday! May she continue to share her love and joy of family and friends.

FURTHERMORE, I do hereby encourage all fellow residents, family and friends to pay tribute to Mrs. Grindle on her 100th birthday and wish her health and happiness in all her days to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto SIGNED THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE, 2013

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James Kacsh, Mayor