

# CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA PROCLAMATION

## PROCLAMATION ON THE 100<sup>TH</sup> 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*

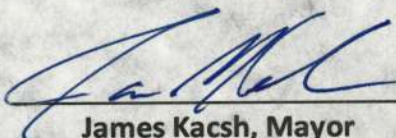
**WHEREAS**, map makers have already acknowledged this family's contributions in naming the Dahlgren Ridge and Grindle Hills, *and*

**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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2013

  
James Kacsh, Mayor

