

*City of Cordova, Alaska
Proclamation*

*A Proclamation by the Mayor of Cordova, Alaska
recognizing the 23rd Annual Sobriety Celebration and
Memorial Potlatch sponsored by the Native Village of Eyak*

Whereas, alcoholism and drug abuse are serious health and social concerns that affect and impact family members as well as entire communities; and

Whereas, the Native Village of Eyak promotes sobriety through social gatherings and education; and

Whereas, the Sobriety Celebration's mission each year is to bring awareness of alcoholism and drug abuse to the community, and to celebrate through cultural healing for those suffering from dependency; and

Whereas, the Native Village of Eyak's **23rd Annual Sobriety Celebration & Memorial Potlatch**, the theme of which is "**Sobriety is Love, Peace and Seal Grease**", will be held in Cordova from November 11th through November 13th, 2016; and

Whereas, the Native Village of Eyak invites everyone to celebrate the progress that their culture has made in promoting and achieving sobriety through good food, an arts and crafts fair, educational workshops, inspirational speakers, the honoring of our elders, youth and veterans, a sobriety countdown, Alaskan native dancing and 12 step meetings.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that I, Mayor Clay Koplín, on behalf of the City Council and the community of Cordova, Alaska do hereby proclaim the **23rd Annual Sobriety Celebration and Memorial Potlatch** to be an inspiration of community commitment to aid and educate Cordovans and others, about the abuse and misuse of alcohol and drugs, through the social events held during the celebration.

Signed this 19th day of October, 2016

Clay Koplín, Mayor