

City of Cordova, Alaska

Proclamation

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA,
ALASKA RECOGNIZING THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF EYAK'S
26th ANNUAL SOBRIETY CELEBRATION
& MEMORIAL POTLATCH, *"LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN"***

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse are serious health and social concerns that negatively impact individuals, their family members and often entire communities; and

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

WHEREAS, the Sobriety Celebration's mission is to bring awareness of alcoholism and drug abuse to the community, and to use cultural healing to aid those suffering from dependency; and

WHEREAS, *"Land of the Midnight Sun"* is the theme of the Native Village of Eyak's 26th Annual Sobriety Celebration & Memorial Potlatch to be held at the Cordova Center on November 15, 16 and 17; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Eyak invites everyone to celebrate the progress that has been made in promoting and achieving sobriety through the sharing of traditional foods, an arts and crafts fair, educational workshops and inspirational speakers; and

WHEREAS, the weekend Celebration will also include the sobriety countdown, Alaskan Native dancing, 12-step meetings and an event honoring Elders, youth and Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT I, Mayor Clay Koplín, on behalf of the City Council and the community of Cordova, Alaska, do hereby declare that the Native Village of Eyak's 26th Annual Sobriety Celebration & Memorial Potlatch is an inspiration of community commitment that addresses alcohol and drug abuse using cultural connections and shared heritage.

Signed this 6th day of November 2019



Clay R. Koplín, Mayor