

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 08-19-32**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
SUPPORTING NAMING BRIDGE 406 (SCOTT GLACIER NO. 6) ON THE COPPER RIVER
HIGHWAY IN MEMORY OF IRENE WEBBER, FOUNDER OF THE CORDOVA RUNNING
CLUB, MASTERMIND BEHIND THE ALASKA SALMON RUNS AND ALL-AROUND
GENEROUS AND KIND CORDOVA VOLUNTEER**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Cordova, wishes to support naming bridge 406, Scott Glacier No. 6, on the Copper River Highway in memory of irene Webber an admirable Cordovan who encouraged fitness and healthy living in the community of Cordova; and

WHEREAS, irene Webber became interested in distance running in 1979, read everything she could about the sport, began the Cordova Running Club and set out toward her goal of a community event; and

WHEREAS, irene's vision became a reality when in 1986 she accomplished the tremendous achievement of completing the inaugural marathon in Cordova as the lone participant; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Salmon Runs were born due to irene's dedication and effort, she recruited volunteers and added four other distance events so runners of varied levels could all participate; and

WHEREAS, runners from across the United States and even the world have run in Cordova's prestigious event that is now a part of a well-attended, weekend long, Cordova festival: The Copper River Salmon Jam; and

WHEREAS, irene would be so proud to know that what she began 33 years ago, has evolved into a renowned event that in 2019 included 28 marathoners and almost 300 participants altogether, 70 of which were visitors from outside of Cordova; and

WHEREAS, Cordovans and irene's family members and friends are forever grateful for her vision, her commitment and her enduring inspiration that gave wings to this fun-filled annual event that in 2019 also included participation by irene's children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, irene's dedication to healthy living encouraged her to also begin the Cordova 2X2 Cancer Walk which continues to this day as a fundraising event that specifically supports Cordova cancer patients; and


WHEREAS, irene volunteered her time supporting other Cordova fundraising efforts too, such as: St. Jude's Children's Hospital, The American Cancer Society and the S.I.D.S Ride-A-Thon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, does hereby support naming bridge 406, Scott Glacier No. 6, on the CRH after irene Webber; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska will forward this Resolution upon its passage to the Alaska State Legislature as encouragement for its action in forever naming bridge 406, Scott Glacier No. 6, on the Copper River Highway, the irene Webber Bridge.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF AUGUST 2019





Clay R. Koplin, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk