The Office of the Mayor City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Juneau maritime community is grateful for the security, enforcement and emergency response from the Coast Guard members who maintain aids to navigation, conduct search and rescue, law enforcement missions, and assist in containing and recovering oil spills throughout the Great State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, August 19-23, 2024 marks the US Coast Guard District 17 annual Buoy Tender Round-up, a week-long event offering participants an opportunity to receive specialized training, provide discussions to enhance operations, and test their seamanship skills; and

WHEREAS, Buoy Tender Round-up has been Coast Guard mainstay in Alaska, first in Kodiak, then in Juneau for decades beginning in 1990; and

WHEREAS, US Coast Guard Cutter KUKUI, USCGC CYPRESS, USCGC FIR, USCGC ASPEN, USCGC ELM, USCGC HENRY BLAKE, USCGC ANTHONY PETIT, AND USCGC ELDERBERRY will be visiting Juneau for training as well as events designed to build comradery and strengthen relationships among the crews; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard buoy tenders protects those on the sea, leading responses to maritime disasters, ensuring a safe and secure maritime transportation system, preventing incidents and rescuing those in distress; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau business community, Departments of the City & Borough of Juneau, the United States Navy League – Juneau Council, the American Legion Post 25 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5559 celebrate the 300 officers and crew attending Buoy Tender Round-up by offering thanks and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, Juneau has demonstrated its ability and commitment to support the Coast Guard; and, in particular has been proud to have served as the homeport for the buoy tender USCGC PLANETREE, the USCGC STORIS, USCGC CAPE CARTER, USCGC LIBERTY and now the USCGC REEF SHARK; and

WHEREAS, Juneau recognizes the countless hours of volunteerism in which Coast Guard sailors assigned to buoy tenders provide to Alaskan cities and towns as community leaders, coaches, teachers and mentors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Beth A. Weldon, Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the City and Borough Assembly, do hereby proclaim August 19-23, 2024 as:

US COAST GUARD BUOY TENDER ROUND-UP WEEK

in Juneau, Alaska and call upon the people of Juneau to recognize the professional work and many contributions of Coast Guard sailors assigned to buoy tenders throughout Alaska and the Pacific Northwest, and to proudly celebrate the US Coast Guard's Buoy Tender Round-up.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City and Borough of Juneau, to be affixed this 19th day of August, 2024.