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Proclamation Commending Ward Cove Dock Group LLC, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Turnagain Marine Construction, Transpac Marinas, John Binkley, and Dave Spokely

WHEREAS, Ward Cove is home to Ketchikan's former pulp mill which began operations in 1954 and was one of the largest employers in the region for decades;

WHEREAS, after closure of the pulp mill, Ward Cove was found to be contaminated with fuels, paints, and heavy metals as well as large quantities of sunken logs which affected local organisms;

WHEREAS, Ward Cove was declared a Superfund site under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and was remediated with institutional controls under the oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of John Binkley and Dave Spokely, a partnership formed between Ward Cove Dock Group LLC and Norwegian Cruise Lines that saw past the stigma of a CERCLA designation and developed a plan to responsibly repurpose this previously remediated Superfund site;

WHEREAS, after the project developers invested over \$50 million, Turnagain Marine Constructors and Transpac Marinas built a world class cruise ship dock and the former pulp mill site was repurposed, bringing economic activity back to the area;

WHEREAS, the innovative design and construction of the Ward Cove project resulted in receipt of the prestigious Associated General Contractors National Build America Award recognizing state-of-the-art projects that emphasize environmental sensitivity;

WHEREAS, AS 46.03.045 and AS 46.03.485 encourage the Department of Environmental Conservation to recognize superior environmental protection efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jason Brune, COMMISSIONER OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, recognize and congratulate:

Ward Cove Dock Group LLC, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Turnagain Marine Construction, Transpac Marinas,
John Binkley, and Dave Spokely for their efforts to repurpose and revitalize Ward Cove

Dated: August 12, 2021



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason W. Brune".

Jason W. Brune, Commissioner
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