

January 27, 2015 Office of the Mayor

Majority Leader Charisse Millett State Capitol Room 204 Juneau AK, 99801

## Dear Representative Millett:

On behalf of the City of Valdez it is my pleasure to offer my endorsement and support for HB No. 35, establishing March 27 as "Great Alaska Earthquake Remembrance Day".

Since 1964, the City of Valdez has conducted a day of remembrance on March 27<sup>th</sup> in honor of those who lost their life as a result of the earthquake and resulting tsunami in Port Valdez. The city has taken action to become a "tsunami ready" community and provides public awareness campaigns during the month of March, urging our citizens to participate in preparedness training and implementation of a family plan.

I welcome the opportunity to join the State of Alaska in this effort to remember the past and prepare for the future by commemorating March 27 as Great Alaska Earthquake Remembrance Day.

Sincerely,

Larry Weaver

Mayor

City of Valdez, Alaska