



10,000 years in our Traditional Homeland, Prince William Sound, the Copper River Delta, and the Gulf of Alaska

Resolution 2020-02-01

**A RESOLUTION BY THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF EYAK
IN SUPPORT OF 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, NATIVE VILLAGE OF EYAK
TRIBAL MEMBER, AND ALL-AROUND GENEROUS AND KIND CORDOVA VOLUNTEER**

- WHEREAS:** the Native Village of Eyak (hereinafter "Tribe") is a federally recognized self-governing Tribe; and
- WHEREAS:** the Native Village of Eyak Traditional Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS:** the Native Village of Eyak wishes to support naming bridge 406, Scott Glacier No. 6, on the Copper River Highway in memory of irene Webber an admiral Cordovan and Tribal Member 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 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 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

