

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

**MAYOR'S CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

**NICKY SZARZI**

WHEREAS, Nicky Szarzi has worked closely with the City of Homer for 14 years in support of efforts to continue to stock salmon and overall enhance the *Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon* while serving as the Lower Cook Inlet Area Management Biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish; and

WHEREAS, Nicky Szarzi worked tirelessly procuring grants, donations, and volunteers to keep Homer's famous "Fishing Hole" as an exceptional fish resource for our community and as a state, national, and international tourist attraction as well; and

WHEREAS, Nicky Szarzi was the driving force behind acquiring critical funding for the purchase of late run silver salmon smolt after their availability from the Anchorage State Hatcheries became temporarily restricted; and

WHEREAS, Nicky Szarzi professionally and personally developed an excellent and strong rapport with the local city administrators, advisory committees, charter boat associations, and the general fishing public; and

WHEREAS, Nicky Szarzi was instrumental in promoting special kids' fishing days at the *Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon* by scheduling fish and game staff to help kids fish and the Mobile Aquatic Classroom to be available annually for those one of the youth fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Nicky Szarzi continuously strove to inform and educate the community about the area's fishery resources, regulations, and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Nicky Szarzi coordinated with the City of Homer and the Sport Fish Access Program for Homer Spit improvements which included additional fish cleaning tables, carcass trailer, and industrial fish waste grinder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES C. HORNADAY, Mayor of the City of Homer, Alaska, on behalf of the Homer City Council and the Citizens of our community, do hereby recognize Nicky Szarzi for her outstanding assistance and dedication that enhanced our City's ability to provide a unique opportunity for young, elderly, expert, or novice anglers to homogeneously experience one of our State's finest salmon fisheries, the *Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the official seal of the City of Homer, Alaska, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

CITY OF HOMER

ATTEST:

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JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

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JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK