

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION

TOM POGSON

**NATIONAL WATER SAFETY CONGRESS AWARD OF MERIT
& COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR**

WHEREAS, Tom Pogson is knowledgeable, thorough, and a passionate instructor for the Community Recreation Program; and

WHEREAS, Tom's love and joy of kayaking and kayaking safety has benefited hundreds of people over the years; and

WHEREAS, Tom is a highly experienced kayak instructor who seeks to promote the sport of kayaking while emphasizing the utmost importance of kayak safety and proper training; and

WHEREAS, His enthusiastic personality combined with his experience and passion create a solid following of repeat kayaking enthusiasts as well as getting the most reluctant participants to try out the sport; and

WHEREAS, In 2007 Tom singlehandedly organized and promoted a kayak slalom race as a fundraising event for a local youth in need of a double lung transplant; and

WHEREAS, Tom has also donated his time, skill, and equipment to the local high school during P.E. classes promoting the awareness and importance of kayaking and kayaking safety; and

WHEREAS, Tom Pogson was recognized for his significant contribution to promote water safety by receiving the National Water Safety Congress Award of Merit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James C. Hornaday, Mayor, hereby recognize Tom Pogson as the recipient of the National Water Safety Congress Award of Merit and as a valuable instructor for the Community Recreation Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Homer, Alaska, to be affixed this 11th day of June, 2012.

CITY OF HOMER

JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK