Office of The Mayor  
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

PROCLAMATION

USS JUNEAU REMEMBERANCE

WHEREAS, The USS Juneau (CL52) was a light cruiser commissioned in February 1942 by the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, The USS Juneau was named in honor of the City of Juneau, the Capital of the Territory of Alaska, now the City and Borough of Juneau, the Capital of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The USS Juneau served in the Atlantic, Caribbean and Pacific Theaters in defense of our Freedoms; and

WHEREAS, On November 13, 1942 at the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal, the USS Juneau was struck by two torpedoes and sank in twenty seconds with the immediate loss of nearly 600 of her crew of 700 officers and men; and

WHEREAS, After exposure, thirst, weakness due to their wounds, and shark attacks only ten sailors in the water survived; and

WHEREAS, Four medical personnel also survived because they were transferred to the USS San Francisco to assist with the heavy casualties on that ship just before the USS Juneau was torpedoed; and

WHEREAS, November 13, 2012 marks the 70th anniversary of the sinking of the USS Juneau and it is fitting and proper that the Citizens of the City and Borough of Juneau remember the price of our freedom.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Merrill Sanford, Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the City and Borough Assembly, in honor of the gallant crew of the USS Juneau who helped to secure our liberties at the cost of themselves do hereby proclaim:

USS Juneau Remembrance Week  
November 11-17, 2012

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, to be affixed this 5th day of November, 2012.

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Merrill Sanford, Mayor