

Office of The Mayor
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

PROCLAMATION

USS JUNEAU MEMORIAL CENTER

WHEREAS, The USS Juneau (CL52) was a light cruiser LAUNCHED IN October 1941 by the U.S. Navy; at the Federal Shipyard and Dry-dock Company in the town of Kearny, the County of Hudson, New Jersey; 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, 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; including the twenty crewmembers from Hudson County; 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

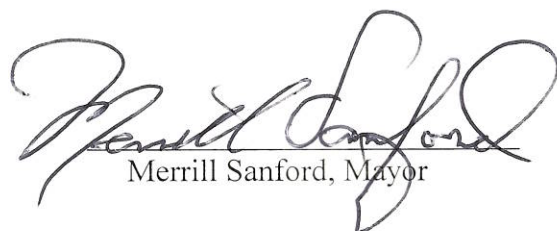
WHEREAS, on November 13, 2013 the County of Hudson dedicates the USS Juneau Memorial Center in honor of the ship and crew.

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 Day
November 13, 2013*

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 4th day of November, 2013.




Merrill Sanford, Mayor