



**Proclamation Declaring August as
Coast Guard Appreciation Month in Traverse City**

WHEREAS, in 1790, the Revenue Cutter Service was established under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department, which later combined services with the United States Life-Saving Service to form the Coast Guard. In March 2003, the Coast Guard was transferred to the newly-created department of Homeland Security where it remains today; and

WHEREAS, at all times, the Coast Guard is an Armed Force, a regulatory agency, a humanitarian service, a federal law enforcement agency, and a member of the intelligence community, and is responsible for the safety, security, and stewardship of the Nation's waters, and provides critical ice breaking services for the inland waterways, shipping channels, and international waters as needed; and

WHEREAS, each year the Coast Guard conducts on average over 17,500 search and rescue missions, saving over 3,400 lives and \$47 million in property, all while protecting our borders through its drug interdiction efforts, keeping more than \$3 billion worth of illegal drugs out of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Traverse City is proud to continue its support for the men and women of the Coast Guard, and for Air Station Traverse City. Founded in 1945, the air station has undergone many changes. Today, the air station has over 115 active duty members and boasts 3 MH-60T Jayhawk helicopters that cover thousands of miles of coastline across the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the air station embody a rich tradition of honor, respect, devotion to duty, and dedication to service. By maintaining a constant 24/7 ready status, the members of Air Station Traverse City remain poised to respond by supporting local law enforcement, other military services, international, federal, state and local partners, to ensure the safety of our community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Coast Guard are our friends and neighbors. Their families are teachers, leaders in local business, and engaged members of our community. They are little league coaches for our children, selfless volunteers, and the neighbors we have over for a barbeque;

THEREFORE BE IT DECLARED, I, Richard I. Lewis, Mayor of Traverse City, proclaim the month of August as Coast Guard Appreciation Month in Traverse City. I urge my fellow citizens to join me in thanking those serving in the United States Coast Guard, and in recognizing the significance of their presence within our community.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard I. Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Richard I. Lewis, Mayor
City of Traverse City
July 18, 2022