

Dr. Syun-Ichi Akasofu

Professor of Physics and Director, Emeritus

WHEREAS Dr. Syun-Ichi Akasofu has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1958 to 2007; and

WHEREAS Dr. Akasofu has been a valued mentor and advisor to numerous graduate students and colleagues throughout his stellar five-decade career; and his standing in the scientific community has allowed him to serve as an advisor to and educator of the public in general and policymakers in particular; and

WHEREAS Dr. Akasofu has earned worldwide acclaim for his work studying the aurora borealis and as a leader in global scientific collaboration; and his impressive career has been marked by academic brilliance and extraordinary productivity, having authored hundreds of scientific articles and multiple books; and has served as an editor for several scientific journals; and has earned more than a dozen awards and honors; and

WHEREAS Dr. Akasofu is recognized as a scientific entrepreneur whose tireless tenacity and leadership have contributed to the establishment and enhancement of some of the University's most esteemed scientific units; and his career-crowning service as an architect of the agreement that created the International Arctic Research Center has helped cement the University's position at the forefront of climate science exploration and cooperation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Akasofu for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks, in further recognition of the invaluable services rendered by Dr. Akasofu and as evidence of the University's desire that his identification with the University be maintained, hereby salutes the appointment of Dr. Syun-Ichi Akasofu as Professor of Physics, Emeritus, and Director, Emeritus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and signed by the Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks as further evidence of the esteem and respect in which he holds Dr. Syun-Ichi Akasofu, and conveyed to Dr. Akasofu on this day of May 13, 2007.