

DR. FRANK L. WILLIAMS

Director of the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center, Emeritus

WHEREAS Dr. Frank L. Williams has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1992 to 2014; and

WHEREAS Dr. Williams served for more than fifteen years as Director of the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center with great energy and distinction, assuming that leadership role at a time that the Center was experiencing significant funding and organizational pressure, its future far from certain, and thereafter re-energized support for the Center such that it became one of the most respected regional supercomputing centers in the United States; and

WHEREAS Dr. Williams, through outstanding management and personnel development, attracted a cadre of dozens of professionals, including some of the University's best and brightest technical workers; and gained and stewarded outside grants and funding that enabled the rapid growth of scientific productivity among the Center's many users; and

WHEREAS Dr. Williams, in overseeing the development of a rich and varied suite of services offered by the Center, opened up its resources not only to students, staff and faculty at the University but also to individuals associated with educational institutes and research units throughout the world, thereby strengthening not only the prestige of the University but also the collaborative opportunities across disciplines and borders;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks, in further recognition of the invaluable services rendered by Mr. Williams and as evidence of the University's desire that his identification with the University be maintained, hereby salutes the appointment of Dr. Frank L. Williams as Director of the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center, 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. Frank L. Williams, and conveyed to Dr. Williams on this day of May 11, 2014.