

DR. JERRY LIPKA

Professor of Education, Emeritus

WHEREAS Dr. Jerry Lipka has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1981 to 2015; and

WHEREAS Dr. Lipka taught in the Cross-Cultural Education Development Program in the Bristol Bay region from 1981 to 1991, helping thirty rural students to earn their baccalaureate degrees in education; and

WHEREAS Dr. Lipka has been a highly regarded researcher who has focused on indigenous knowledge systems, especially those of the Yup'ik people, examining the development of mathematical concepts and processes utilized by Yup'ik elders, and whose work has culminated in the Math in a Cultural Context program, which created educational materials that have transformed the teaching of mathematics in many of Alaska's elementary schools; and

WHEREAS Dr. Lipka shared his knowledge through numerous national and international presentations and peer-reviewed publications; collaborated with indigenous peoples from Greenland, Micronesia, Russia, and other countries; and received the prestigious American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation for his co-authored book, Transforming Culture of Schools: Yup'ik Examples; and

WHEREAS Dr. Lipka has provided professional workshops and consulting to many rural school districts in Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Jerry Lipka 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 Dr. Lipka and as evidence of the University's desire that his identification with the University be maintained, hereby salutes the appointment of Dr. Jerry Lipka as Professor of Education, 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. Jerry Lipka, and conveyed to Dr. Lipka on this 10th day of May, 2015.