WHEREAS Mr. Raymond RaLonde has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1991 to 2015; and

WHEREAS Mr. RaLonde’s work as an aquaculture specialist has had tremendous impact in helping to ensure the sustainable personal harvest of shellfish by Alaskans and their safety, through increased awareness of the dangers of paralytic shellfish poisoning, other toxic algal blooms, and bacterial pathogens; has yielded more than seventy research publications; and has reached over eighteen thousand participants through workshops and conference presentations; and

WHEREAS Mr. RaLonde has had a distinguished record of public service, working with small and large oyster, geoduck, mussel and shellfish businesses and industry regulators, aiding the development of a multi-million dollar economic sector that is important in rural coastal communities; and has received national recognition with the prestigious 2012 National Sea Grant Extension Award from the National Sea Grant Assembly; and

WHEREAS Mr. RaLonde has mentored many new faculty members, served as the Marine Advisory Program Associate Co-Leader and fulfilled many other roles in service to the University; and has served as the Alaska representative on the Western Regional Aquaculture Consortium board of directors and numerous other boards and committees;

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