WHEREAS Dr. Kenneth Severin has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1990 to 2015; and

WHEREAS Dr. Severin ensured that the Department of Geosciences’ analytical facilities served their users well; trained students and faculty alike to utilize the facilities; and educated the students so they understood the devices and their inherent analytical errors; and

WHEREAS Dr. Severin was a respected instructor of courses, including X-Ray Spectrometry and Scanning Electron Microscopy, and successfully mentored undergraduate and graduate students, serving as a member of graduate committees for the Department of Geosciences as well as several other departments, including Biology, Anthropology, and Engineering; and

WHEREAS Dr. Severin has been a key collaborator in areas ranging from fishery biology to paleoecology to economic geology and beyond; and

WHEREAS Dr. Severin transformed the laboratory facilities from a single, aged microprobe to today’s world-class multi-instrument analytical facility, which specializes in surface and elemental analyses as well as electronic microscopy and which provides technical support and facilities to students and researchers from the University and local, state, federal and private agencies throughout Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Kenneth Severin 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. Severin and as evidence of the University’s desire that his identification with the University be maintained, hereby salutes the appointment of Dr. Kenneth Severin as Director of the Advanced Instrumentation Laboratory, 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. Kenneth Severin, and conveyed to Dr. Severin on this 10th day of May, 2015.