

DR. STEPHEN SPARROW

Professor of Agronomy, Emeritus

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

WHEREAS Dr. Sparrow was a dedicated and respected instructor, teaching numerous undergraduate and graduate classes on soil biology, soil microbiology and biochemistry, soil management, research methods, and other topics; and served as a valued mentor and advisor to doctoral and master's students, five of whom completed degrees under his guidance as major professor; and

WHEREAS Dr. Sparrow's research on bio-energy cropping, management of agricultural soils at high latitudes, and nutrient cycling in agricultural soils has yielded dozens of publications and helped to improve agricultural practices in the far North; and

WHEREAS Dr. Sparrow provided leadership to the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences as associate dean and recently led the School of Natural Resources and Extension as interim dean and director of the Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station; and has been an active member of his professional community, serving as a member and vice president of the Circumpolar Agricultural Association and as a member and president of the Alaska Branch of the American Society for Microbiology, along with membership in several other societies;

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