WHEREAS Dr. Alan Springer has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in research and public service from 1992 to 2014; and

WHEREAS Dr. Springer has guided five master’s and doctoral students to degree completion as major professor; and has served as an advisory committee member for numerous other graduate students; and

WHEREAS Dr. Springer is an internationally recognized leader in the marine science of the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, and North Pacific, on topics ranging from the biology and behavior of seabirds and marine mammals to integrated oceanography and marine ecology, who published more than eighty widely cited articles, chapters, and reports, and who applies interdisciplinary approaches and diverse data sets to “big picture” questions, including whether marine mammal declines might be the result of predation, an urgent issue affecting the welfare of marine mammals and regulation of fishing and other human activity in the Alaska region; and

WHEREAS Dr. Springer has provided outstanding service on committees and boards at the local, state and national levels and has served an important role as Senior Scientist of the Alaska SeaLife Center during its successful transition from operation by the University of Alaska Fairbanks to an independent collaborator and partner;

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