

DR. DANA THOMAS

Professor of Statistics, Emeritus

WHEREAS Dr. Dana Thomas has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1981 to 2014; and

WHEREAS Dr. Thomas has been an outstanding teacher and mentor, earning him the Emil Usibelli Award for Distinguished Teaching and the Trio Champion Award; served as mentor, advisor, and statistics resource to numerous graduate students; and worked to develop the Math Bridge Program, which helps students to develop the quantitative skills needed to succeed at the University; and

WHEREAS Dr. Thomas's expertise has earned him an international reputation as a statistical scholar applying his knowledge to resource selection and analysis of field studies in biology; his co-authored text on Resource Selection by Animals has become an international standard; and his co-authored articles on methods for comparing research use and availability and analysis of animal resource selection from telemetry data are frequently cited by other researchers; and

WHEREAS Dr. Thomas served in important University leadership positions including Mathematics and Statistics Department Chair, Vice Provost, and University of Alaska Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research; earned the 2010 Institutional Administrator Award from the National Academic Advising Association Northwest Region and the 2014 Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence; and had leading roles in institutional accreditation;

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