

# DR. KENNETH SASSEN

## Professor of Atmospheric Sciences, Emeritus

*WHEREAS Dr. Kenneth Sassen has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2002 to 2014; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Sassen has been a highly regarded teacher and mentor to students, who have benefitted tremendously from his breadth of expertise and his recognition that complex systems require complex, multidisciplinary and collaborative approaches; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Sassen has been a pioneer in applying the polarization lidar technique to the remote sensing of clouds in the high latitudes; and, rather than restricting himself to a narrow specialization, has taken a broad approach to his field, making contributions in satellite, radiometer, radar and lidar studies, but always with a view toward meteorological discovery; and has conducted extensive and extremely thorough and innovative research, making him one of the most often-cited atmospheric scientists in the world; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Sassen has been instrumental in establishing or expanding the research and educational capacities in the Atmospheric Sciences program at the University, including writing the rules for comprehensive examination in the master's and doctoral programs, overseeing the addition of one research and three faculty positions, leading or establishing research groups, and providing leadership in a variety of prestigious professional organizations;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Kenneth Sassen 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. Sassen and as evidence of the University's desire that his identification with the University be maintained, hereby salutes the appointment of Dr. Kenneth Sassen as Professor of Atmospheric Sciences, 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 Sassen, and conveyed to Dr. Sassen on this day of May 11, 2014.*