

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DANA THOMAS

WHEREAS, Dana Thomas is completing his one-year term as the Interim Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) in June 2017, during a continually challenging period of budget cuts and structural reorganization; and

WHEREAS, Dana Thomas researched, authored, and delivered a highly respected and thorough report *An Assessment of Single Accreditation versus Three Separate Accreditations for the University of Alaska's Three Universities* in July 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dana Thomas has previously served as the University of Alaska (UA) Statewide Vice President of Academic Affairs and Research from 2012 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Dana Thomas was recognized an outstanding teacher by receiving the Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching Award for sustained teaching excellence at UAF; and

WHEREAS, Dana Thomas served as a faculty member of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1981 through 2012, and chaired the Department for six of those years, and was honored with UAF Emeritus status in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Dana Thomas served as the UAF Vice Provost and Accreditation Liaison Officer from 2006 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dana Thomas served at the invitation of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities as an institutional evaluator of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, Dana Thomas conducted world-renowned interdisciplinary research on assessing resource selection by animals, a national survey of agriculture, and fisheries statistics operations conducted in the United States of America, the Republic of Yemen, and the Sultanate of Oman; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Dana Thomas served with quiet, respectful, and thoughtful grace with easy but subtle humor; and

WHEREAS, Dana Thomas has strongly supported the shared governance process and has administered his service within its purview; and

WHEREAS, it shall not be overlooked and understated that Dana Thomas voluntarily wrote the report on single versus multiple accreditation and furthermore served as Interim Chancellor of UAF at the request of UA President Jim Johnsen less than a full year *after* retiring to Arizona for well-deserved rest and canoeing in the sun; Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the UAF Faculty Senate acknowledges and proclaims that Dr. Dana Thomas has performed outstanding service to the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and administration of UAF and UA—and to the citizens of Alaska and the world—and hereby the Senate expresses its deep appreciation and admiration.