## CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA RESOLUTION 01-19-06

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA, SUPPORTING CONTINUATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS (UAF) COLLEGE OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN SCIENCES (CFOS) MARINE ADVISORY PROGRAM'S (MAP) CORDOVA FACULTY POSITION

**WHEREAS**, since 1973, Cordova has supported and greatly benefited from the services of University of Alaska Fairbanks CFOS Marine Advisory Program faculty position based in Cordova; and

WHEREAS, UAF is a designated sea grant institution with a mission of teaching, research and public service, and enjoys a long-standing federal partnership with NOAA's National Sea Grant College Program; and

WHEREAS, CFOS as well as Alaska Sea Grant-supported marine researchers, MAP agents and specialists, and educators conduct activities in communities across Alaska that have real and lasting beneficial impacts to people, their livelihoods, the economy, and to the wise and safe use of the state's marine waters and resources; and

WHEREAS, Cordova is one of the top 15 producing seafood ports in the United States, and has had the commercial fishing industry as her primary economic base for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the Cordova MAP office has been a well-respected catalyst in our community and region for decades, providing relevant public service including seafood harvester business assistance, seafood processing technical support and training, USCG-approved marine safety instruction, collaborative research partnerships between residents, UAF and other state and national organizations, environmental literacy and public policy facilitation, oil spill community response preparedness, and leadership development of Alaska's next generation of seafood harvesters; and

WHEREAS, the Cordova MAP office is UAF's sole representative in the Prince William Sound region to support UAF undergraduate recruitment of our youth as well serving adult and other professional development education and training needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova, its businesses and citizens benefit greatly from UAF's mission of outreach, research and public service vital to our fishing industry, working waterfront businesses, marine resource managers and research enterprises, and fishing families; and

WHEREAS, the advent of new small-scale customer processors, direct-marketing fisherman, and newly permitted aquaculture and maricultural farms in Cordova in recent years requires this continued high level of support for such fledgling businesses.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, does hereby acknowledge the deep value, impact and importance of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Marine Advisory Program Cordova faculty position in service to our community and region for the last 43 years, and strongly urges priority and continued funding of this position in FY20 and beyond.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF JANUARY 2019.

Clay R. Koplin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk