

MS. LAURA BENDER

Director of the Graduate School and Interdisciplinary Programs, Emeritus

WHEREAS Ms. Laura Bender has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1983 to 2017; and

WHEREAS Ms. Bender capably assisted fisheries and marine sciences students from 1983 to 2004, rising to the position of Graduate Program Coordinator for the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences; and since 2004 has been dedicated to the success of graduate students across all of the University of Alaska Fairbanks in her roles at the Graduate School; and

WHEREAS Ms. Bender knows more about graduate programs, Graduate School policies and procedures, and graduate students than any other person at the University; and

WHEREAS Ms. Bender is warmly remembered by generations of students as a compassionate person, a good listener and a problem-solver, who nonetheless gives her honest assessment and frank