NONCODE ORDINANCE

Sponsored By: Assemblymember Hale

Introduced: 07/15/25 Public Hearing: 08/05/25 Adopted: 08/05/25

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 25-082

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY NAMING THE STORY WALK PATHWAY AT SUTTON LIBRARY IN HONOR OF NANCY BERTELS.

WHEREAS, the Sutton library provides a wide range of multigenerational programs and events within the facility and on its surrounding grounds; and

WHEREAS, these programs often extend to the Alpine Historical Museum playground and its amenities, which are heavily utilized by the library's patrons; and

WHEREAS, participants are currently required to cross a frequently trafficked parking lot to access these amenities, presenting a safety concern; and

WHEREAS, the Sutton Library community identified the need for a dedicated and secure pedestrian route connecting the library to the museum grounds; and

WHEREAS, former Sutton Librarian, Nancy Bertels played a pivotal role in championing the vision, design, and implementation that led to the construction of the new Sutton Library; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her distinguished 35-year career,
Nancy Bertels demonstrated exceptional commitment, leadership, and

service to the residents of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, particularly within the Sutton community; and

WHEREAS, her enduring legacy continues to shape the Sutton Library's culture of literacy, accessibility, and community enrichment.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. <u>Classification</u>. This Ordinance is a noncode ordinance and is enacted notwithstanding the provisions of MSB 1.51.

Section 2. <u>Dedication and Naming of Facility</u>. In honor of Nancy Bertels' extraordinary service and lasting contributions to the community, the Story Walk Pathway at the Sutton Library is hereby named "The Nancy Bertels Story Walk Pathway."

Section 3. <u>Effective Date</u>. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 5 day of August, 2025.

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Sumner, Fonov, and Bernier