

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 18-049**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF INVOLVED SINCE 1998 IN THE BOROUGH'S VOLUNTEER LAKE MONITORING PROGRAM THAT IS BEING RETIRED AFTER 20-YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the Borough is rich in water resources, home to many major rivers and clean lakes; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and visitors to the Borough treasure and value these water resources and the recreation opportunities they provide; and

WHEREAS, the Borough started and coordinated a Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program from 1998 through 2017 in response to citizen concerns over the quality of these water resources in an area that is the fastest growing region in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, over 58 lakes have been monitored by local volunteer citizens over the last 20-years with an annual average of 24 lakes monitored by 35 volunteers who each year collectively spent 257 hours monitoring Borough lakes; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers have collected data that will create a baseline for evaluating future water quality changes as the Borough continues to grow and develop; and

WHEREAS, July is Lakes Appreciation Month and it is right and proper to recognize their value and the efforts of the volunteers who have monitored our lakes these last 20-years; and


WHEREAS, the Borough's Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program has been recognized for its excellence by the Alaska Municipal League Conference of Mayors and by the National Association of Counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly hereby expresses its gratitude and appreciation for the many volunteers and staff who have worked as citizen scientists on the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program for their service to the Borough.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 19 day of June, 2018.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Mayfield, Doty, and Kowalke