

**MAT-SU BOROUGH
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
Honoring the Northern Knights Robotics Team**

WHEREAS, the Northern Knights Robotics Team is the only FIRST Robotics Competition team in the State of Alaska competing at the national level, representing the Mat-Su Valley, Anchorage, and the State of Alaska with innovation, determination, and excellence; and

WHEREAS, FIRST Robotics is the world's leading youth robotics community, inspiring students through hands-on STEM learning opportunities that foster creativity, teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills essential for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Knights team consists of Business Manager, Carter Fickes, and nine dedicated students representing six high schools who worked tirelessly during their rookie season to design, build, and program a competition robot entirely from scratch in preparation for regional and international competition; and

WHEREAS, during the regional qualifying competition in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Northern Knights competed among 47 teams from across the United States and around the world, including teams from the Czech Republic, Japan, and China; and

WHEREAS, despite being a rookie team and entering the competition as underdogs, the Northern Knights demonstrated remarkable adaptability, teamwork, and strategic thinking, earning selection to the number one alliance and ultimately helping secure victory in the regional championship; and

WHEREAS, this historic accomplishment marks the first time in Alaska FIRST Robotics history that a rookie team from Alaska has achieved this level of success and qualified for the FIRST Robotics World Championship in Houston, Texas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edna DeVries, Mayor of the Mat-Su Borough, do proudly recognize and honor the

NORTHERN KNIGHTS ROBOTICS TEAM

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Mat-Su Borough to be affixed this 19th day of May 2026.


EDNA DeVRIES, Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

