

1 By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 18
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9 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND CONTROL THE SPREAD OF
10 INVASIVE CHOKECHERRY IN THE FAIRBANKS AREA
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12 WHEREAS, Chokecherry trees were introduced in Alaska as attractive
13 ornamental trees for yards and community parklands; and
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15 WHEREAS, Two varieties of Chokecherry, *Prunus padus*, commonly known
16 as European bird cherry, chokecherry, or mayday trees and *Prunus virginiana*, commonly
17 known as Canadian red and chokecherry have been labeled invasive species; and
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19 WHEREAS, Invasive Chokecherry has spread beyond yards and parks to
20 many locations along the Chena River and the Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl
21 Refuge; and
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23 WHEREAS, Invasive Chokecherry can displace native trees, shrubs, and
24 forbs, negatively impacting fish and wildlife species; and
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26 WHEREAS, The USDA Forest Service and the Alaska Department of Natural
27 Resources have grant monies available to control invasive Chokecherry species; and
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29 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) is
30 applying for this grant to support mapping, education, and control efforts for invasive
31 Chokecherry in Interior Alaska; and
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33 WHEREAS, FSWCD is seeking support from the Fairbanks North Star
34 Borough, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the University of Alaska
35 Cooperative Extension in these efforts; and
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37 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks community will benefit from the efforts of FSWCD
38 to control the spread of invasive Chokecherry and reduce the impacts to local fish and
39 wildlife.
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41 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
42 North Star Borough supports the Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District grant
43 application and the local, State, and Federal efforts to control the spread of invasive
44 Chokecherry species in Fairbanks.

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ADOPTED THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2021.


Mindy O'Neall
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Tomaszewski, Cooper, Williams, Sanford, Wilson, Lyke, Cash, Lojewski, O'Neall
Noes: None