

Introduced by: Mayor Eberhart
Council Member Pruhs
Date: August 10, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 4682

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, AS THE
UNITED STATES' HOST COMMUNITY FOR ARCTIC MEETINGS
AND CONFERENCES**

WHEREAS, Fairbanks is the center for Arctic research, strategy, business and policy development in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks-based academics, professionals and organizations generate knowledge and innovative products crucial to advancement in the Circumpolar North; and

WHEREAS, the Arctic is recognized as strategically and tactically vital to economic advancement and international relations in the Circumpolar North; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks is the farthest north city in the United States that is accessible by road, rail and air; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks is the gateway and regional hub to Alaska's wild Arctic spaces and Interior village communities; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Fairbanks is America's Arctic University, leading all other institutions (universities, research institutes and government laboratories) in published articles regarding Arctic and Circumpolar North and in citations in other Arctic research; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks is a year-round basecamp for researchers and visitors interested in exploring the Arctic; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks offers a quality meeting destination for planners and attendees from around the world, with capacity of over 2,700 hotel rooms and 175,000 square feet of meeting space; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks community hosted the 2014 Arctic Winter Game, a one-week event with over 2,000 athletes competing from nine countries and 2,500 local volunteers assisting while using facilities owned, operated and maintained by the City of Fairbanks, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, that Fairbanks joins other Interior Alaskans in welcoming meetings and conferences about Arctic and Circumpolar North issues and warmly invites decision makers involved in planning and hosting Arctic policy meetings to consider Fairbanks as their first choice.

PASSED and APPROVED this 10th day of August 2015.

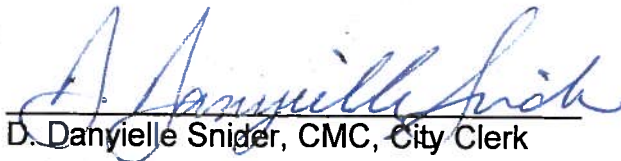


John Eberhart, City Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Staley
APPROVED: August 10, 2015

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk



Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney