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Council Member Perry Walley
Council Member Chris Anderson

November 25, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 4596

**A RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM OF PATRICK B. COLE
(1950—2013)**

WHEREAS, Patrick Cole came to Fairbanks to attend the University of Alaska, graduated in 1972, worked at the Public Library from 1972 to 1978, then returned to school, and graduated from the University of Idaho School of Law in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Patrick worked as an Assistant Borough Attorney here in Fairbanks from 1978 to 1983, was first employed by the City of Fairbanks in 1983 and subsequently worked at the City over the next 30 years as Deputy City Attorney, Deputy City Manager/Attorney, City Manager, Administrative Services Director, and finally as Chief of Staff; and

WHEREAS, Patrick was a member of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's Recruiting Roundtable, an arbitrator with the Alaska Bar Association's Fee Dispute Panel, was the Vice Chair of the AML/JIA Board of Trustees, served on the AML's Legislative Revenue & Finance subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Patrick was widely known for his expertise in labor issues, made presentations to the Alaska Municipal Managers Association on his innovative and progressive approach to collective bargaining, and worked with other municipalities on a unified and balanced approach to employee compensation, all of which earned him the Vic Fischer Local Government Leadership Award in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Patrick's hard work here in Fairbanks and statewide often went unrecognized, in large part because of his style. Never one to draw attention to himself, Patrick was more likely to credit and praise others or to emphasize that a project was a group effort; and

WHEREAS, Patrick was an advisor to not only mayors and commissioners, he was an advisor and confidante to coworkers and friends, always giving people who sought his advice his sincerest consideration; and

WHEREAS, Pat was kind, diplomatic, compassionate, just, patient, and wonderfully amiable and will long be remembered for his kindness and willingness to help others; and

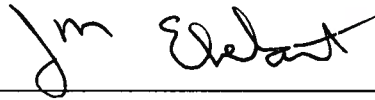
WHEREAS, Pat was a friend to many and will be deeply missed by his family, co-workers, and the community he served.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS,

Mr. Cole's vigilance and devotion to our community and his profession, as well as his kindness, are, and will be, a lasting example to the City Council, and

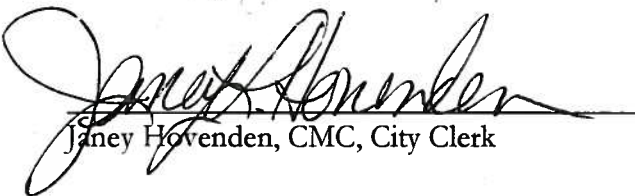
That the City Council extends its deepest appreciation to the Cole family for sharing Patrick with the City and its residents, and offers its deepest sympathy for the loss of such a good and thoughtful man.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of November 2013.

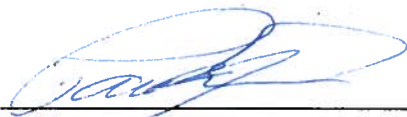


John M. Eberhart, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janey Hovenden, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: *(and concurring in the content)*


Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney