

RESOLUTION NO. 5066

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE FORT WAINWRIGHT
SOLDIERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON APRIL 27, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Fort Wainwright Army Base falls within the Fairbanks city limits, and the military community is a valued part of our city; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, April 27, 2023, a tragic helicopter crash near Healy, Alaska claimed the lives of three Fort Wainwright soldiers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to honor the lives and service of the men who were lost: Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher Robert Eramo, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kyle D. McKenna, and Warrant Officer 1 Stewart Duane Wayment, all from 1st Attack Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment at Fort Wainwright, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher Robert Eramo, 39, joined the Army in January 2005, graduated from Warrant Officer Candidate School in March 2012, and reported to Alaska for his latest tour in June 2022; he was previously stationed at Fort Wainwright from 2016 – 2018 and at Fort Richardson from 2005 – 2010; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eramo's awards and decorations include nine awards of the Army Commendation Medal, six awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the Valorous Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; prior to holding his most current title, he served more than seven years as an enlisted soldier; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kyle D. McKenna, 28, was commissioned in the Army in May 2018 as a second lieutenant and became a warrant officer after completing the warrant officer aviation training program in 2021 before reporting to Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 2 McKenna's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and both the Parachute and Air Assault badges; and


WHEREAS, Warrant Officer 1 Stewart Duane Wayment, 32, joined the Army in January 2017, graduated Warrant Officer Candidate School in 2020, and reported to Alaska in July 2022; and

WHEREAS, Warrant Officer 1 Wayment's awards and decorations include five awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; prior to obtaining his most current title, he served more than two years as an enlisted soldier.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairbanks City Council that the City of Fairbanks honors the lives and service of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher Robert Eramo, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kyle D. McKenna, and Warrant Officer 1 Stewart Duane Wayment who lost their lives in the tragedy on April 27, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Fairbanks extends its deepest condolences to the friends, families, and colleagues of these men for their incredible loss.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 22nd day of May 2023.

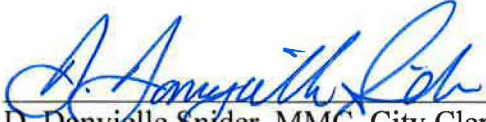


David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: May 22, 2023

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk



Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney