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Date: September 29, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 5187

**A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF AND APPRECIATION
FOR PEARL WATSON, THE OFFICIAL HOSTESS OF THE
CITY OF FAIRBANKS**

WHEREAS, Pearl Watson made lasting and meaningful contributions to the Fairbanks community as a long-time resident; and

WHEREAS, over her more than 70 years in Fairbanks, Pearl organized numerous charitable drives and was recognized with a medal from the National Boy Scouts for her exceptional efforts; and

WHEREAS, Pearl earned her degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where she worked to transcribe Alaska Native history for the UAF Museum, demonstrating a deep respect for and commitment to the rich cultural heritage of the Fairbanks area; and

WHEREAS, she further served the community through her leadership roles as President of the St. Joseph Hospital Women's Auxiliary and the Junior Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, Pearl was involved in several civic and social organizations, including the Interior Alaska Sourdoughs, the Elks, and the American Legion Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, she dedicated her time and energy to the Fairbanks Senior Center and the Fairbanks Pioneer Home, while also remaining a devoted member of her church and a loving presence within her family; and

WHEREAS, Pearl was appointed as the official City Hostess of Fairbanks on July 20, 2015, by then-Mayor John Eberhart, and proudly represented the City with warmth, diplomacy, and grace; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Watson exemplified the spirit of Fairbanks through her kindness, generosity, and welcoming nature; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2025, Pearl Watson passed away at the age of 99, leaving behind a legacy of service, compassion, and community pride.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Fairbanks honor and remember City Hostess Pearl Watson—an extraordinary woman and a true Fairbanksan—for her lifelong dedication, outstanding contributions, and unwavering service to the Fairbanks community and its citizens.

PEARL R. WATSON
City of Fairbanks Official Hostess, 2015 - 2025


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of this resolution is six days after adoption.



David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES: APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: September 29, 2025

ATTEST:



D. Danielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney