

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2021-103**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
AND HONORING MARY JO TORGESON FOR HER EXCELLENT PUBLIC SERVICE
TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**

WHEREAS, Mary Jo Torgeson has diligently and professionally served the Municipality of Anchorage as the Director of the Anchorage Public Library since 2012; and

WHEREAS, in her tenure as Director, Mary Jo has overseen a tremendous transformation of our Library into a vibrant and active community hub that is known nationally for its innovative programs, strong community engagement, and top-notch customer service; and

WHEREAS, the Library's accomplishment's under her direction include a major renovation to the Loussac Library, elimination of library overdue fines, creation of the Library Community Resource Coordinator program, and the launch of technology initiatives like automated materials handling, the Dimond Transit Center book locker, and laptops and MiFis for check-out; and

WHEREAS, her strong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion efforts at both the Library and the Municipality as a whole have made the Library and the Municipality a more welcoming place to visit and work; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo has cultivated a professional, caring and top-performing staff that include several Employees of the Year, an Executive of the Year, several Supervisors of the Year, and many Workgroup/Departments of the Year awards; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo's dedication to creating a better community is exceptional, her vision and passion for the Library will be difficult to replace, and she will be missed by all who know and have worked with her; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY RECOGNIZES AND HONORS:

MARY JO TORGESON

for her dedication to the Municipality of Anchorage and its citizens.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 27th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Veneklasen

Municipal Clerk

Felix N.

Chair