

## **MS. LAURA BENDER**

**Director of the Graduate School and Interdisciplinary Programs, Emeritus**

*WHEREAS Ms. Laura Bender has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction from 1983 to 2017; and*

*WHEREAS Ms. Bender capably assisted fisheries and marine sciences students from 1983 to 2004, rising to the position of Graduate Program Coordinator for the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences; and since 2004 has been dedicated to the success of graduate students across all of the University of Alaska Fairbanks in her roles at the Graduate School; and*

*WHEREAS Ms. Bender knows more about graduate programs, Graduate School policies and procedures, and graduate students than any other person at the University; and*

*WHEREAS Ms. Bender is warmly remembered by generations of students as a compassionate person, a good listener and a problem-solver, who nonetheless gives her honest assessment and frank*