



## ***Preserving Farmland for Future Generations***

### **Alaska Farmland Trust Corporation BOARD RESOLUTION**

The Board of Directors of the Alaska Farmland Trust Corporation (AFTC), by e-mailed vote on August 26<sup>th</sup> 2020, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the mission of the AFTC is to assist landowners in preserving their working agricultural lands and AFTC's goals are to secure Alaska's farmland for future generations and to promote agricultural infrastructure through enhanced marketing, statewide policy, and provide education to the public about agricultural issues; and

WHEREAS the AFTC seeks to enhance partnerships with other like-minded organizations; and

WHEREAS the AFTC adamantly opposes the degradation, contamination or development of any farmland in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center literally formed the cornerstone of the Matanuska Colony project which established agriculture as a viable enterprise in southcentral Alaska; and

WHEREAS the UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center has been a working farm, supporting statewide and local agriculture, and providing state-of-the-art research to farmers and consumers for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS the AFTC Board of Directors has learned that the University of Alaska Board of Regents is currently evaluating the economic potential of gravel extraction on the farm property; and

WHEREAS gravel extraction on the Experiment Farm would permanently destroy the agricultural value of the soils as well as eliminating any future agriculture research on the property; and

WHEREAS the UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm is also a community treasure, providing community garden plots, education, and recreational activities that are so critical during the current tumultuous times;

Now therefore be it resolved that the AFTC Board joins other community organizations such as the Valley Mountain Bikers and Hikers Association in urging the University of Alaska Board of Regents to reconsider gravel extraction as a revenue source at the UAF

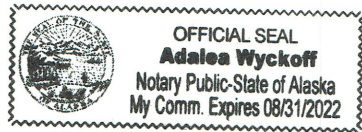
Matanuska Experiment Farm and to commit to permanently protecting the valuable farmland under its ownership.

Be it further resolved that the AFTC Board seeks to become part of the solution and will work diligently with the community and the University to develop a mutually beneficial plan.

Signed:

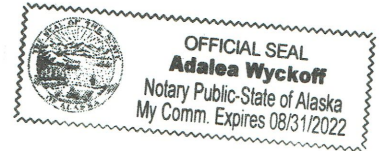
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Secretary



*Adalea Wyckoff*

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska.

My commission expires:

1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020

*Adalea Wyckoff*

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska.

My commission expires:

2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2020