

1 By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
2 Introduced: 03/25/2021
3 Adopted: 03/25/2021
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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 11
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9 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO ERADICATE THE INVASIVE WEED ELODEA
10 IN FAIRBANKS AREA LAKES AND STREAMS
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12 WHEREAS, Elodea is a freshwater invasive plant and considered a threat to
13 Alaska's fish and freshwater resources; and
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15 WHEREAS, Small fragments of Elodea can be picked up and then easily
16 spread within and to other water bodies; and
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18 WHEREAS, Once small fragments of Elodea become present in a freshwater
19 lake or stream, they grow quickly - rapidly degrading freshwater ecosystems; and
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21 WHEREAS, Elodea has recently been discovered in Fairbanks area
22 freshwater bodies such as Birch Lake, Harding Lake, Piledriver Slough, Chena Slough and
23 the Chena River; and
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25 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks community must act quickly to stop degradation
26 of its freshwater lakes and streams; and
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28 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) is
29 planning and overseeing Elodea eradication efforts in Fairbanks North Star Borough
30 streams and lakes; and
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32 WHEREAS, The FSWCD is seeking financial support in the form of an Alaska
33 State Legislative grant to fund the cost of the chemical herbicide needed to conduct
34 Elodea eradication work in Harding, Birch and Lost Lakes as soon as possible; and
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36 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks community values its local streams and lakes as
37 sources of food, fresh water, recreation and natural beauty, ultimately contributing to
38 Interior Alaska's high quality of life.
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40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks North Star Borough
41 Assembly supports local, State, and Federal efforts to eradicate the invasive weed species
42 Elodea in Fairbanks area lakes and streams.

43 ADOPTED THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH 2021.
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Mindy O'Neill
Presiding Officer

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52 ATTEST:

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56 April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk
57 by Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Clerk
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59 Yeses: Tomaszewski, Williams, Sanford, Wilson, Lyke, Cash, Lojewski, O'Neill

60 Noes: None

61 Other: Cooper (Excused)