

RESOLUTION NO. 5121

**A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATHROP
HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM FOR
WINNING A NATIONAL TITLE**

WHEREAS, the United States Academic Decathlon is a national competition that challenges teams of students to study art history, music theory, mathematics, history, science, public speaking, formal interviewing, economics, science, and literature; and

WHEREAS, each year the national curriculum changes, and the theme of the 2023-2024 season was "Humanity and Technology," leading students this year to study science fiction, computers, and neuroscience specifically; and

WHEREAS, the Lathrop High School Academic Decathlon team won the 2024 United States Academic Decathlon Division II National Team Championship in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in April; and

WHEREAS, this marks the first time an Alaskan team has won the Division II National Title; and

WHEREAS, the Lathrop team earned 32 of the 90 medals awarded at the National event, as well as \$3,000 in scholarship funds by having 4 of the top 9 overall scorers at the competition; and

WHEREAS, Lathrop sophomore Elias Carosso was both the team high scorer as well as the highest overall scorer in all of Division II; and

WHEREAS, Lathrop junior Tayton Aiken Brice was the highest overall scoring varsity student and was named "Team MVP" for the season; and

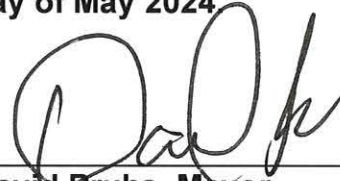
WHEREAS, Lathrop senior Jeffrey Goddard became the first Alaskan to compete in four consecutive Academic Decathlon National Finals and has amassed more total individual national medals than any Alaskan in history; and

WHEREAS, this national championship represents the hard multi-year effort of the 9 team members which included sophomores Elias Carosso, Joaquin Carosso, Marais Anderson, Nathan Goddard, and Christian Yew; juniors Tayton Aiken Brice, Lehansa Fernando, and Jahnvi Kumari; and senior Jeffrey Goddard; and

WHEREAS, the team was coached by Lathrop alumnus, teacher, and 23-year Academic Decathlon coach Chris Benshoof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fairbanks recognizes the efforts and successes of the Lathrop High School Academic Decathlon team and coach for their hard work and dedication and celebrates with them for winning the 2024 United States Academic Decathlon Division II National title.

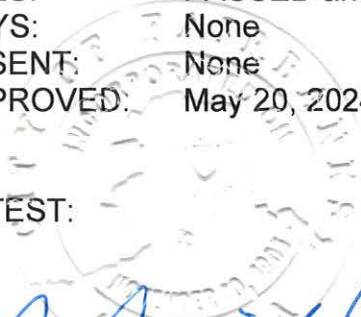

PASSED and APPROVED this 20th Day of May 2024



David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: May 20, 2024

ATTEST:



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney