

CITY OF WASILLA

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RESOLUTION NO. WR96-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF FIRE FIGHTERS WHO CONTROLLED THE HOUSTON, BIG LAKE, KNIK, MILLER'S REACH WILDFIRE.

WHEREAS, on June 2, 1996 a wildfire began and subsequently swept out of control destroying homes, businesses and personal property in the Houston, Big Lake and Knik communities; and

WHEREAS, owners of homes and businesses used their own resources to minimize damage and save their properties; and

WHEREAS, Houston, Big Lake, Knik, Mat-Su and other volunteer fire fighters waged an exhausting effort to suppress the flames and protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, Division of Forestry and Bureau of Land Management professional teams worked diligently to contain the spreading destruction; and

WHEREAS, state and local law enforcement enabled the safe evacuation of residents; and

WHEREAS, by the concerted actions of fire fighters, residents, public officials and law enforcement, not a single loss of human life nor serious injury occurred.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wasilla City Council and Mayor do hereby express grateful appreciation and admiration for the exceptional and heroic efforts of those who fought the terrible Miller's Reach Wild Fire of 1996.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this 24th day of June, 1996.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Marjorie D. Harris, CMC

City Clerk

John ¢. Stein, Mayor

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