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**WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 23-10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION recommending that the city council change the name of Crusey street to warrior street as proposed by wasilla high school pursuant to wasilla municipal code 12.08.030, street name changes.

WHEREAS, Wasilla High School (“WHS”) seeks to rename Crusey Street to Warrior Street; and

WHEREAS, like Houston High School and Palmer High School, WHS wishes to have a street named after their mascot; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that Crusey Street was named after two brothers who homesteaded at mile 18 of the Parks Highway in 1946; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, with input from the Knik Tribe, the WHS warrior mascot was redrawn from a Lakota Sioux warrior to the Dena’ina Athabascan Chief Wasilla; and

WHEREAS, Chief Wasilla is the City of Wasilla’s namesake who lived in the area more than a hundred years ago; and

WHEREAS, renaming Crusey Street to Warrior Street continues to honor Chief Wasilla, a warrior in his own right; and

WHEREAS, through the adoption of Resolution Serial No. 23-022, the Matanuska-Borough Assembly supports renaming Crusey Street to Warrior Street; and

WHEREAS, Wasilla Municipal Code 12.08.030 allows the Wasilla City Council to change street names within the city limits and outlines the process; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council adopted Resolution Serial No. 23-16 initiating the process to the change the name of Crusey Street to Warrior Street by

referring the request to the Planning Commission for public hearing pursuant to WMC 12.08.030; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the proposed change was given as required for ordinances in WMC Chapter 2.08; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission introduced the item at the June 13, 2023 regular meeting and scheduled the item for public hearing on July 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on July 11, 2023 on the proposed street name change taking into account the information provided by the City of Wasilla, written and verbal testimony, the applicable provisions of the Wasilla Municipal Code, and other pertinent information brought before them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla Planning Commission recommends that the Wasilla City Council adopt the proposed name change as proposed by Wasilla High School from Crusey Street to Warrior Street pursuant to WMC 12.08.030(B).

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY by the Wasilla Planning Commission on July 11, 2023.

APPROVED:

David Seals, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Crystal Nygard, Acting City Planner

VOTE: Passed Unanimously