

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, The Matanuska-Susitna Borough's Search and Rescue (MATSAR) lost a beloved member of their team; and

WHEREAS, Sage, a Search and Rescue K9, passed away in December 2013; and

WHEREAS; Sage was found on the side of a road by Stacie Burkhardt when she was a puppy 15 years ago and was nursed back to health, demonstrating strong rescue skills as a young dog, she was a perfect candidate to join a Search and Rescue dog unit; and

WHEREAS, Sage moved to the MATSAR three years ago, after completing her training in Washington, and various parts of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Sage was certified in Air Scent, Cadaver and Article Search and also participated in Avalanche and Water searches; and

WHEREAS, Stacie and Sage were an inseparable team and their dedication, training and high response rate, made them one of the most successful search teams; and

WHEREAS, We are honored to have Sage, aka the Little Princess as a lifetime member of the MATSAR team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Larry DeVilbiss, Mayor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, celebrates the life and accomplishments of

Sage the Search and Rescue K9

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to be affixed this ___ day of January, 2014.

LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

SEAL