

**North Star Community Council
Invasive Bird Cherry Tree Control Project Resolution**

Whereas, invasive species cause harm to Alaska's environment, economy, and people; and

Whereas, Alaska is currently relatively free from invasive species, but several harmful species are present and spreading rapidly; and

Whereas, the Invasive Plant Program of the Anchorage Park Foundation strategically manages invasive plants in Anchorage; and

Whereas, due to public safety and ecological concerns, local residents have asked for help from the Invasive Plant Program to control invasive European bird cherry trees in Valley of the Moon Park and Chester Creek greenbelt; and

Whereas, the Invasive Plant Program follows an "Integrated Vegetation Management" approach and considers all (prevention, manual, mechanical, chemical, and biological) control methods, but in the case of the species in question, herbicides are the only effective control option; and

Whereas, the proposed project methods include limited, direct herbicide applications with very low risk of off target impacts; and

Whereas, Mr. Tim Stallard of Alien Species Control, LLC contract coordinator of the Invasive Plant Program presented this proposed project to the North Star Community Council; and

Whereas, Mr. Stallard and staff will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations and take all reasonable measures possible to ensure public and environmental health and safety;

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH STAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL, that we allow the "Valley of the Moon / Chester Greenbelt - Invasive Bird Cherry Tree Control Project" as described by Mr. Stallard to proceed for 2018 through 2020.

And further BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH STAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL, that we ask the State of Alaska Division of Agriculture to add

European bird cherry to the Alaska Noxious Weeds list so this harmful invasive species is no longer sold.

I certify that the North Star Community Council duly adopted this resolution at a meeting held 5/9/18.

The vote was 8 In Favor, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.



Samuel Moore
President, North Star Community Council

5/9/18
Date