

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING KAREN CRANE

Whereas the library community lost a strong, valued leader on March 20, 2024, with the death of Karen Crane;

Whereas Karen Crane had a lifelong passion for the role of libraries in communities;

Whereas Karen Crane served as the Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums of the State of Alaska for seventeen years;

Whereas during her tenure as Library Director of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Library, she became the Borough's Executive Director for Community Services, serving on the mayor's executive staff;

Whereas in 1995 she received the Outstanding Service Award from the Alaska Library Association;

Whereas she was instrumental in representing Alaska libraries during the annual Library Legislative Day;

Whereas Karen Crane served four-and-a-half years on the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Assembly and three years on the Board for the Alaska Municipal League wherein she was elected President for a term;

Whereas she served as President of United Way Southeast and State President of the League of Women Voters;

Whereas Karen Crane held numerous volunteer positions including the Partnership Board, Juneau's Sponsor Circle for Refugees, the Chair of the ACLU-Alaska, and Chair of Juneau Arts and Humanities Council;

Whereas Karen Crane became the Indiana State President of the National Organization for Women (NOW) at age 21, after a bank required her father's signature on her credit card application even though she had been on her own financially for years;

Whereas Karen Crane was a results-driven force and a big-hearted, loyal friend to everyone who knew her, now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Karen Crane over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family, particularly her husband, Dan Fruits.

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