

THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE



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*** DR. CATHERINE MORMILE ***

The Twenty-fourth Alaska State Legislature recognizes Dr. Catherine Mormile for her admirable perseverance in the face of great personal hardship and her efforts to help others through similar difficulties.

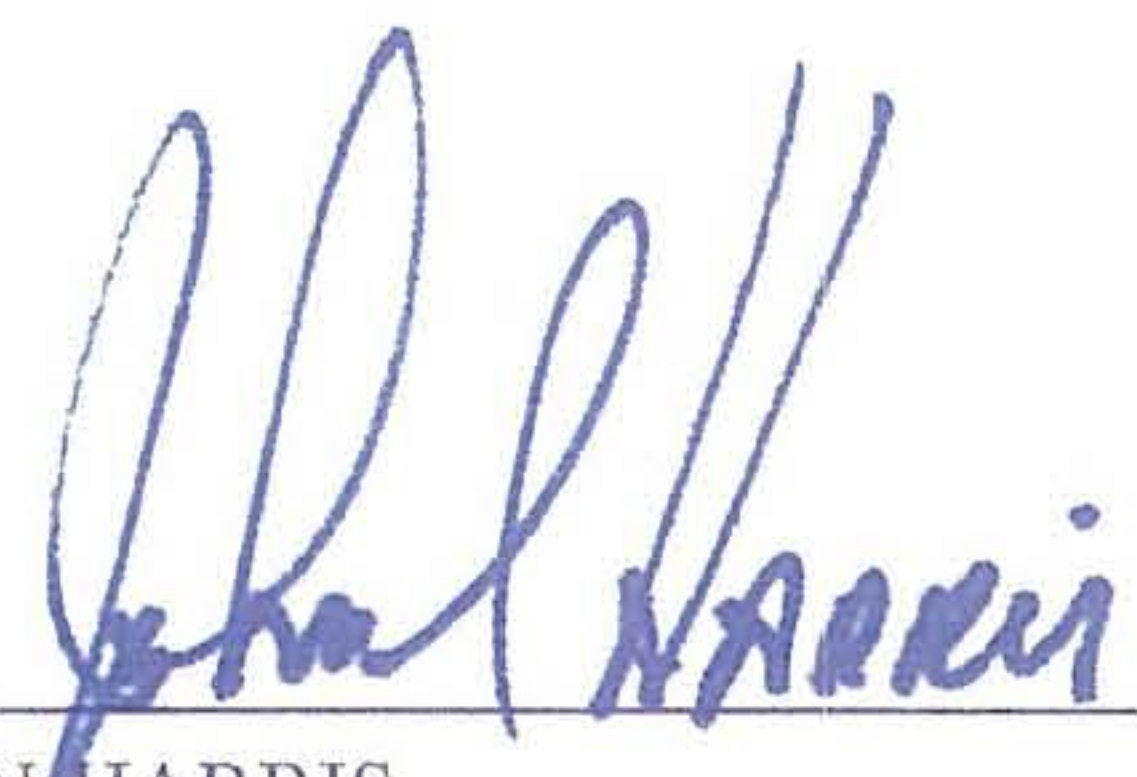
After moving to Alaska in 1985, Dr. Mormile pursued an interest in dog mushing and went on to compete in the Iditarod Sled Dog race. While running her third Iditarod she suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning from a propane heater in a tent. This poisoning caused brain damage, which necessitated lengthy rehabilitation during which she was ridiculed by those who did not understand the effects of carbon monoxide.


Following this accident Dr. Mormile pursued further education and was certified as an orthopedic specialist in 2002 and received a doctorate in physical therapy from Simmons College where she graduated with a GPA of 4.0 and was awarded Doctor of Distinction Status. She has gone on to write numerous articles for scientific publications. In her practice as a physical therapist Dr. Mormile has made it her goal to help her patients fully maintain their dignity as they overcome their challenges so they do not experience the difficulties she faced.

Dr. Mormile has also been active in volunteering for numerous local and statewide organizations.

The Twenty-fourth Alaska State Legislature commends Dr. Cathrine Mormile for her perseverance and contributions to the State of Alaska and its people.




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