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K. N. Gunalan, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE., F.ASCE Vice President, AECOM President-Elect Nominee, ASCE

RE: Letter of Endorsement

President-elect of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Dear Dr. Gunalan,

I have reviewed the election materials provided by the Nominees for the office of President-elect for a term commencing October 2018.

I have known Dr. Gunalan for almost 20 years. During that time, I have come to admire his work ethic and professionalism. I have found him to be an extraordinary team player and an excellent leader who is always looking out for the success of the team rather than seeking individual accolades. I have found him to be a dedicated professional, but more importantly a decent and honest person of high character. I have also interacted with Dr. Gunalan on personal basis and have admired his family oriented and compassionate traits. His pragmatic approach and vision for leading ASCE is exactly what is needed at this time.

Please accept this document as my personal endorsement of Dr. Gunalan for the position of President-elect of ASCE.

Respectfully submitted,

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