

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2017-09:

HONORING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES

WHEREAS, the Alaska Federation of Natives is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its inception during the third week of October 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Elders and Youth Conference hosted by First Alaskans Institute, begins the week with a multitude of engaging workshops and discussions; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is the Indigenous home for Native people; and

WHEREAS, Native people of the State of Alaska strive to preserve and promote Alaska Native traditions, language, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders serve as ambassadors of traditional knowledge and the Alaska Native culture; and

WHEREAS, Traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders visiting the Interior Region have provided strong leadership and representation for the Native people; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native youth are claiming their culture, language, and history; and

WHEREAS, students and educators need to have a strong foundation in order to achieve academically, move forward, and be successful in life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education recognizes and honors the 50th Anniversary of the Alaska Federation of Natives and encourages schools and teachers to study the lives and leadership of Indigenous people in the State of Alaska and welcome and honor Alaska Native visitors during the Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Conference, as well as the Elders and Youth Conference with class field trips, joining the webcast, inviting guest presenters into the classroom, and offering lesson plans on the Alaska Federation of Natives and the issues that are discussed during the convention.

Passed and Approved: October 18, 2016



Heidi Haas, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:



Sharon Tuttle
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