

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION 2017-10:**

**HONORING ALASKA NATIVE AND AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives were the original inhabitants of the land that now constitutes the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives value and respect traditional knowledge and skills as well as classroom education; and

WHEREAS, students of Alaska Native and American Indian heritage comprise more than 19 percent of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's student body; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native and American Indian parents and guardians are engaged in their students' education; and

WHEREAS, over seventy teachers of Alaska Native and American Indian heritage distinguish themselves as educators in Fairbanks North Star Borough School District classrooms; and

WHEREAS, principals and administrators of Alaska Native and American Indian heritage lead their schools and the district with vision; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives and American Indians have served the school board with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native and American Indian paraprofessional and classified staff support all students' learning; and

WHEREAS, November is the time we traditionally give thanks for the abundance of our blessings, it is an important time to celebrate the historic and current role the voices of Alaska Natives and American Indians have contributed to our nation, state, borough, and district; and

WHEREAS, incorporating Native Ways of Knowing and the Alaska Cultural Standards into the curriculum and teaching the contributions of Native history, culture, society, and language in the classroom promotes academic success for Native students and increases the understanding of all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education proclaims November 2016 Alaska Native and American Indian Heritage Month and encourages schools and teachers to honor it with performances, readings, guest speakers, displays, lessons, lectures, and cultural celebrations throughout the year.

Passed and Approved: October 18, 2016



Heidi Haas, President  
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ATTEST:



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