

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2012-03:

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 traditionally value respect for knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives value education in the schoolroom as well as traditional knowledge and skills; and

WHEREAS, students of Alaska Native and American Indian heritage comprise more than 14 percent of the student body in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives and American Indians serve on the school board with distinction; and

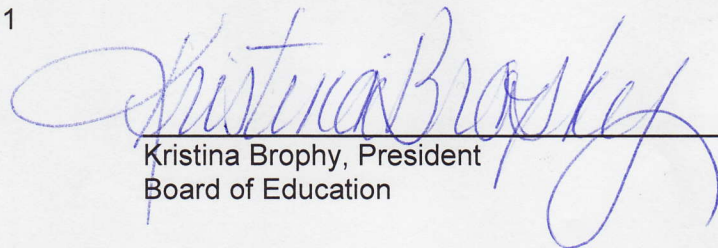
WHEREAS, Alaska Native and American Indian paraprofessional and classified staff support all students' learning; and

WHEREAS, November is the time we traditionally give thanks for the abundance of our blessings, it is an appropriate time to remember the contributions of Alaska Natives and American Indians to our state and local community; and

WHEREAS, citizens, parents, experts, and research results all agree teaching Native culture and language in the classroom promotes academic success for Native students and enhances all students' appreciation of cultures other than their own.

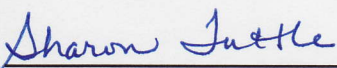
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education proclaims November 2011 Alaska Native and American Indian Heritage Month, and encourages schools and teachers to honor it with performances, readings, guest speakers, displays, lessons, lectures, and cultural celebrations.

PASSED AND APPROVED: October 4, 2011



Kristina Brophy, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:



Sharon Tuttle
Secretary to the Board

