

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2014-07

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 14 percent of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's student body; 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 have led their schools with vision; and

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

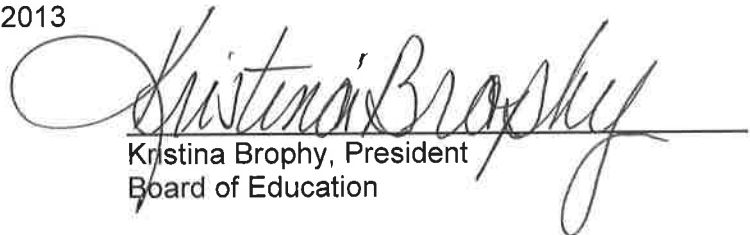
WHEREAS, Alaska Native and American Indian paraprofessional and classified staff support all students' learning; and

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 and borough; and

WHEREAS, 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 2013 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 15, 2013


Kristina Brophy, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:


Sharon Tuttle
Secretary to the Board

