

**Kenai Peninsula Borough
Alaska
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Arctic Winter Games were founded in 1969 under the leadership of Governor Walter J. Hickel of Alaska, Stuart M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, and Yukon Commissioner James Smith; and

WHEREAS, the Arctic Winter Games is the world's largest circumpolar celebration of sports and culture event for young people of the arctic, bringing over 2000 athletes from nine contingents participating; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, members of the Kenai Peninsula Arctic Winter Games 2006 Bid Committee traveled to Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory Canada to hand deliver the Kenai Peninsula's bid proposal to the International Committee where the AWG International Committee awarded the staging of the 2006 Arctic Winter Games to the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Kenai Peninsula Borough hosted the nineteenth Arctic Winter Games in the municipalities of Homer, Kenai, Soldotna, Seward and Alyeska, with about 1900 participants and coaches from 9 countries and provinces making this event a huge success; and

WHEREAS, Grant funds received for the AWG were used for numerous projects within the Kenai Peninsula Borough including: Construction of the Homer Ice Rink, capital improvements to the Multipurpose Recreational Facility in Kenai, the installation of lights and other improvements for the Tsalteshi Trails system, acquisition of school buses for the KPBSD; and

WHEREAS, the Arctic Winter Games are held every two years: and in the last 10 years were held in the Kenai Peninsula Borough 2006 - Yellowknife, Northwest Territories Canada 2008 - Grand Prairie, Alberta Canada 2010 - Whitehorse, Yukon Canada 2012 - Fairbanks Alaska 2014; and

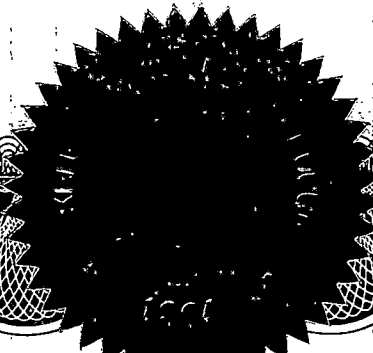
WHEREAS, this year 243 participants from Alaska, including 11 from the Kenai Peninsula Borough participated in the 2016 Arctic Winter Games held in Nuuk Greenland, bringing home a total of 216 medals; and

WHEREAS, Team Alaska also won the Hodgson trophy for fair play and team spirit for the third time since 2006; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Navarre, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim:

A DAY OF CELEBRATION

on the Kenai Peninsula commemorating the 10 year anniversary of hosting this prestigious event, "2006 Arctic Winter Games"


Mike Navarre

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Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor