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# *Alaska State Legislature*

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## **Representative Carl Gatto**

### **SPONSOR STATEMENT**

#### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 9**

#### **"PROCLAIMING ALASKA AGRICULTURE DAY FOR 2005 AND 2006"**

HCR 9 acknowledges the importance of agriculture in Alaska. This resolution is in recognition of the farmers and those in related industries who feed our state and add more than \$50,000,000 annually to the economy of the State of Alaska. Agriculture in Alaska has truly great potential particularly in the area of pharmaceutical corn and other highly advanced areas of agriculture. It is crucial that we take every opportunity to take advantage of the strengths of this state and educate our students and our workforce in the value of modern agriculture to our economy and our society.

As a Representative of Palmer, member of the NCSL Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, and the CSG Agriculture and Rural Policy Task Force I know firsthand the need for, and value of, agriculture in Alaska and urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.



# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2005 Legislative Session**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: H.C.R. 9  
 ( ) Publish Date: 4/22/2005

Revision Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: N/A  
 Title Agriculture Day BRU \_\_\_\_\_  
 Component \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Representative Gatto  
 Requester House Resources Committee Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0  
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The House Resources Committee has determined that passage of this resolution will have no fiscal impacts.

Prepared by: Jim Pound  
 Division: for House Resources  
 Approved by: Representative Ramras and Samuels  
 Agency: Co-Chairs House Resources Committee

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# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

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ATTN: CODY RICE  
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April 15, 2005

REGARDING: HCR9, "Agriculture Day"

Dear Cody:

This letter is to express the Division of Agriculture's support for HCR9 "Agriculture Day," initiated by Victoria Naegle of Ag in the Classroom (AIRC).

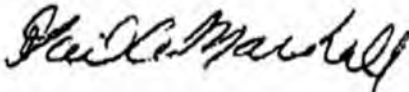
Alaskans have long been proud of the superior quality Alaska Grown™ products, and eagerly await their arrival every summer. The need to expand awareness of our State's agriculture industry is very important for its continued growth; it will also increase Alaskans' appreciation of the hard working men and women involved in the farming, ranching, nursery, dairy and aquaculture segments of the industry.

The Alaska State Legislature's proclamation of the first Tuesday in May 2005 and 2006 to be Alaska Agriculture Day will recognize the value of the industry to this great state. It will also give our citizens an opportunity to celebrate the arrival of our fresh produce and honor the men and women that bring it to them.

We are aware of the excellent work Ms. Naegle does with the AIRC program, and strongly support what she does. We believe she now has yet another great idea, and this time for our state's residents of all ages.

We urge the support and passage of this important bill, HCR9.

Sincerely,



Gail A. Marshall, PhD  
Development Specialist I  
AK Division of Agriculture

Cc: Larry DeVilbiss  
Director  
AK Division of Agriculture

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Development Specialist II  
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*"Develop, Conserve, and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskans."*

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DEPARTMENT SUPPORT

**FRIENDS OF DELTA AGRICULTURE**



**PO Box 1506**

**Delta Junction, AK 99737**

**April 15, 2005**

**Representative Carl Gatto  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol (MS 3100)  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182**

**Dear Representative Gatto:**

**The Friends of Delta Agriculture appreciates and supports your House Concurrent Resolution #9, which makes the first Tuesday of May 2005 and May 2006 "Alaska Agriculture Day".**

**Our organization actively supports producers in the Delta area and such a proclamation will benefit all Alaska producers.**

**We appreciate your support and recognition of Alaska's hard working farmers.**

**Sincerely,**

  
**Kathy Sennichsen  
Secretary/Treasurer**

**Members: Carol McNabb, Brenda Burke, Kathy Sennichsen, Jane Hamilton, Grace Gay  
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**SUPPORT**



# Alaska Ag in the Classroom

In an effort to enhance agricultural and natural resources literacy among students in Alaska, we, the undersigned, ask the State of Alaska to institute a new day during the Alaska growing season to celebrate the importance of Alaska agriculture and its related natural resources.

Name	City	Email	Spring/Fall
Phil Kasperi	Delta Jct	Fnpnk@uaa.edu	Both
Randy Peterson	Delta Jct	insmit@ccr@wildak.net	Both
BAUER WILLARD	HOMER, AK		Both
Edna Anderson	Homer, AK	dars@xye.net	Either
C Rainwater	Homer AK	Snowshoe@xvi.net	Fall
RANDOLT SCHARFENDER, TWO RIVERS DENNY 17 FARMS.			BOTH
Bernie Karl	Fairbanks	Recycle@polar.net.com	Both
Connie Parker-Karl	Fairbanks	recycle@polar.net.com	Spring
Omar Stahman	Kodiak		fall
Ed Arbiz	Fairbanks		Spring

Alaska Department of Education and Early Childhood Development





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**Print Name**                      **City**                      **Email**                      **Sp/Fall**                      **Signature**

Randy Peterson      Delta Jct      Tnsrathacres@wildak.net      [Signature]

Becky Peterson      D.I.      becky.swed@wildak.net      Becky Peterson

Bill Loppant      Delta Jct      [Signature]

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# **DELTA FARM BUREAU CHAPTER**

**PO BOX 760 DELTA JUNCTION, ALASKA 99737**

**President Mitchell Gay; Vice President Randy Peterson  
Secretary Jane Hamilton; Treasurer Carol Dufendach**

**April 15, 2005**

**Representative Carl Gatto  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol (MS 3100)  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182**

**Dear Representative Gatto,**

**The Delta Farm Bureau appreciates and supports your House Concurrent Resolution No. 9, making the first Tuesday of May 2005 and May 2006 as Alaska Agriculture Day.**

**The agricultural community will benefit greatly from such a proclamation and welcomes this recognition.**

**Sincerely,**



**Mitchell Gay,  
President**



# ALASKA FARM BUREAU, INC.

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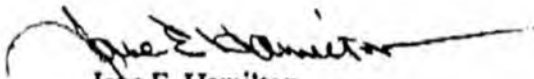
Representative Carl Gatto  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol (MS 3100)  
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Dear Representative Gatto,

The Alaska Farm Bureau supports and appreciates your House Concurrent Resolution Number 9, which makes the first Tuesday of May 2005 and May 2006 Alaska Agriculture Day.

We think that the agricultural community will benefit great from such a proclamation and appreciate your support and recognition.

Sincerely,

  
Jane E. Hamilton,  
Executive Director

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April 15, 2005

## Alaska Agriculture Day Support

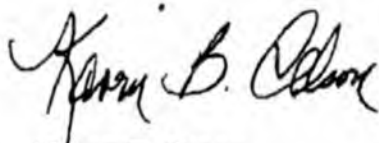
We would like to add our voice in support of establishing the first Tuesday in May as Alaska's own designated Agriculture Day, as detailed in HCR09.

The day is more appropriate for the timing of our farming, our planting season and our gardening friends, compared to the Lower 48's traditional spring kickoff around the March equinox.

Here in the Matanuska-Susitna area, it is especially apropos, as our own Anchorage Farm Market starts on the first Saturday of May. We can use the designated day to focus on the beginning of the market season only a few days later.

I am sure it will be a lot easier to raise enthusiasm for Alaska agriculture on a spectacular green day in May than a snowy, grudging day in March.

Thank you for your help.



Karen B. Olson,  
Executive Director



**Alaska Association of Conservation Districts**

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April 15, 2005

Dear Cody Rice:

On behalf of Alaska Association of Conservation Districts, I am writing to express our strong support for Alaska Agricultural Day.

This day will provide support to the Alaska agricultural community, and be of special benefit to school children across the state. Students will develop a greater appreciation of agriculture and learn about soil and water stewardship.

We strongly support this special day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Wade". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eric Wade  
AACD Deputy Executive Director  
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## Alaska Agriculture in the Classroom

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Rep. Carl Gatto  
State Capitol Room 411  
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April 15, 2005

Dear Representative Gatto;

Thank you for your willingness to promote Alaska Agriculture Day in 2005 and 2006, and hopefully beyond.

As I mentioned to Cody Rice, while there is a National Agriculture Day and Week, it is during the first week of spring on the calendar, and not conducive for agricultural activities in Alaska. By having Alaska Ag Day on the first Tuesday of May, Alaska agriculture can be highlighted at the beginning of the growing season, while school is still in session statewide. Alaska Ag Day can be the centerpiece of a new effort to raise the visibility of Alaska agriculture, and increase agricultural literacy in Alaska's students.

The Alaska Division of Agriculture has provided Alaska Ag in the Classroom grant funds through its Alaska Grown marketing program to promote Alaska Ag Day, particularly in 2006. By having the day declared this year, we hope to start the process of making Alaska Ag Day '06 a special event in schools and communities across the state.

Again, thank you and Cody for your assistance in this effort.







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Name	City	Email	Spring/Fall
Steve Gallagher	Palmer		Fall
Brett Franklin	FRBX	_____	Fall
Milan Shipka	Two Rivers		Spring
Wayne & Bost	Ubbösa		Spring
Roseann Leiner	Palmer		Spring
John Riley	Anchorage		Spring
Pat, Stine and Steven Wiegley	Delta Jct.		Spring
Peter Bierman	Palmer		Spring
Michael Philo	Anchorage		Spring
Jeff Werner	Fairbanks		Fall
Sue Benz	Wasilla		Spring
Gaea Finstad	Fairbanks		Fall
ALLEN MITCHELL	PALMER	dfgam@ua.alaska.edu	FALL
Herman Karlsson	Fairbanks		Fall
PAULA GRACQUE	PALMER		Spring
Hans Geier	Fbx		Early Spring

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