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OVERVIEW:

ALASKA

STATEHOOD

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April 3, 2009

Sarah Palin, Governor

ALASKA STATEHOOD
CELEBRATION COMMISSION
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Honorable Representative Bob Herron
Community and Regional Affairs
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Co-Chairman Herron;

On behalf of the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission we sincerely thank you and all of the committee members who so graciously allowed us time to present to you on April 2nd. As our work on the commission continues we look forward to continuing further communication with you and other legislators.

Our outreach to areas across the state has been ongoing for the last 3 years and will continue until January 2010. We have been pleased with the input we have received from communities from all across the state. Many understand the significance of Alaska's statehood and appreciate how far we have come in the last 50 years!

Thank you again for your time and if we can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to call or contact us at AK50@alaska.gov

Sincerely,

Colleen Sullivan Leonard
Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Coordinator
Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission





Purpose

The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission is established to research, plan and prepare to celebrate Alaska's 50th anniversary of admission as the 49th state of the United States of America

Vision

Honor our history, celebrate our future

Mission

Alaska's 50th Anniversary Celebration will inspire the people of our great state, and across the world, to rejoice in Alaska's past, present, and future

Values

The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission will honor and celebrate:

- *Alaska's Native heritage*
- *Alaska's culture and history*
- *Those instrumental in Statehood*
- *Alaska's Constitution*
- *Alaska's achievements and opportunities*
- *Our children and our future*



Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission Celebration Ideas for Communities

- Dance or gala
- Community picnic/potluck/potlatch
- Pancake breakfast
- Bonfire
- Fireworks show
- Time Capsule
- Athletic competition
- Alaska Spelling Bee or Alaska Geography Bee
- Children's essay contest
- Alaska history poster exhibit
- Children's art exhibit depicting Alaska statehood
- School concert
- Pioneer picnic
- Alaska trivia contest
- Community quilt
- Display Alaska Statehood flags in government offices
- Cultural event featuring dancing, story telling, skits, etc.



LAWS OF ALASKA

2004

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Chapter No.

AN ACT

Establishing the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1

Enrolled HB 476

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission; and providing for an effective
2 date.

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4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 **PURPOSE OF THE ACT.** January 2009, will mark the 50th anniversary of Alaska's
7 admission as the 49th state of the United States of America. It is fitting that the occasion be
8 marked by a celebration commensurate with the state's magnificent heritage and in ways that
9 reflect upon the opportunities that 50 years of Statehood have brought to the state and the
10 people. Appropriate recognition of those benefits and scheduling of a statewide celebration to
11 commemorate the occasion will require advance research, planning, and preparation. To that
12 end, an Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission is established and its powers and duties set
13 out.

14 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 ALASKA STATEHOOD CELEBRATION COMMISSION. (a) The Alaska
3 Statehood Celebration Commission is established. The commission consists of nine
4 members, determined as follows:

5 (1) the governor shall appoint four public members of the commission, of
6 whom one member shall be a resident of and be appointed from each of the four judicial
7 districts in the state;

8 (2) the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one member of
9 the house of representatives who is a member of the majority caucus and one member of the
10 house of representatives who is a member of the minority caucus, in consultation with the
11 leadership of that caucus;

12 (3) the president of the senate shall appoint one member of the senate who is a
13 member of the majority caucus and one member of the senate who is a member of the
14 minority caucus, in consultation with the leadership of that caucus; and

15 (4) the governor or the governor's designee.

16 (b) The governor shall designate the chair and vice-chair of the commission.

17 (c) If a member of the commission resigns or is otherwise unable to perform the
18 duties of a member of the commission or if a legislator member of the commission is no
19 longer a member of the legislative body from which the member was appointed, the officer
20 responsible for appointing that member shall appoint a replacement member as soon as
21 possible.

22 (d) Notwithstanding AS 39.20.180, public members of the commission are not
23 entitled to expenses, travel, or per diem allowances.

24 (e) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum. The
25 commission may approve measures, make recommendations, and take other action based on a
26 vote of a majority of the quorum that is present.

27 * Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
28 read:

29 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ALASKA STATEHOOD CELEBRATION
30 COMMISSION. (a) The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission shall plan and
31 administer all official state activities leading up to and relating to the 50th anniversary of

1 Alaska Statehood and, to that end, shall

2 (1) organize and adopt rules for the conduct of its business;

3 (2) prepare a timetable and budget for completion of its responsibilities under
4 this Act; and

5 (3) advise the governor and, annually, at the beginning of each regular session,
6 the legislature on all activities relating to the 50th anniversary of Alaska Statehood.

7 (b) The commission may

8 (1) appoint subcommittees, which may include persons who are not members
9 of the commission; individuals not members of the commission who serve on subcommittees
10 may, subject to appropriation, be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performance
11 of their services to the commission under this Act;

12 (2) engage in joint projects with any municipality, civic organization, or other
13 entity to accomplish the purpose of this Act;

14 (3) subject to appropriations made for the purpose, employ persons and incur
15 expenses as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Act; and

16 (4) accept gifts and grants from the federal government and from public and
17 nonpublic sources and, subject to appropriation by the legislature, expend those gifts and
18 grants to carry out the purposes of this Act.

19 (c) The commission shall initiate a public process to solicit ideas concerning

20 (1) appropriate ways in which to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Alaska
21 Statehood; and

22 (2) one or more projects that the commission may encourage, sponsor, or
23 support that would serve as a permanent legacy or reminder to commemorate the occasion.

24 (d) In carrying out its responsibilities under this Act, the commission shall encourage
25 and involve participation by all Alaskans in the 50th anniversary of Statehood celebration and
26 commemoration.

27 (e) The Office of the Governor shall provide the commission with all reasonable and
28 necessary staff support, but the governor may delegate or assign this obligation to another
29 agency.

30 * Sec. 4. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
31 read:

1 **UNAUTHORIZED REPRESENTATION OF ASSOCIATION WITH ALASKA**
2 **STATEHOOD CELEBRATION COMMISSION.** A person may not use, display, or publish
3 any name, title, or device that tends to indicate that the person is affiliated with or is supported
4 or sponsored by the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission without the written
5 authorization of the commission.

6 * **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 - 4 of this Act are repealed January 31, 2010.

7 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2005.

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Liz Corning

50 YEAR CELEBRATION OF STATEHOOD

~NOME STYLE~



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- 5. NOME TRADING CO. - BILL CASH
- 6. RASMUSSEN'S MUSIC MART - LEO & ERNA
- 7. KRIER INC.
- 8. STARGATE ALASKA/KENNETH HUGHES



Stars: 1. Charles Lean, 2. Mitch Erickson, 3. Tom Gray, 4. Arne Handeland, 5. Jerry Steiger, 6. Leo Rasmussen, Chair, 7. Jay Wieler, 8. Kenneth Hughes
 Alternates/Participants: Geoff Hubert, Tim Smith, Loren Prosser
 In the Air: Photographer Peggy Fagerstrom, Videographer John Lane, Pilot Russell Rowe.

Significant assistance and other contributions provided by:

Chuck & Peggy Fagerstrom - Photography & Chairing; Alaska DOT; Seaside Center - Baking the cakes; Alaska State Troopers; Bering Air - Pallets & 207 Flight for Stars; Western Community Energy Frontier - Pallets; Arctic Cat; Nome Joint Utilities; Ken Hughes/Stargate Alaska - Star Locations; City of Nome & Public Works; Nome Trading Company - Ordering supplies & transportation & Chairing; Rasmussen's Music Mart - Ordering supplies & Chairing; George Krier; Gorilla Fireworks/Robert Hall; Tim & Rita Smith; Kevin Knowlton; JROTC; Jano Kralik; Ian Graham; Chloe Matheis; Audrey Buie; Justin Shield; Cass Matheis; Dallas Cash; Jack & Binxy Johnson; Sheri Fagerstrom



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50-YEARS OF STATEHOOD CELEBRATION PROGRAM NOME ALASKA

SPONSORS:

BRILLIANT STARS: City of Nome
Nome Aviation Heritage Museum
Nome Chamber of Commerce
Alaska 50-year Celebration Commission

GOLD ALASKA FLAMBES: NSEDC
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Sub Donny Olson

December 31, 2008

Evening: 8-STAR'S OF GOLD offshore Nome

January 3, 2009

Thru the day: First Day of Sale Cancellations with the 50-year USPS Statehood Stamp

6:30pm: Torch Light Parade from State Office Building to Anvil City Square
Chair: Richard Beneville

7:15pm: The 49/50 Sparkle
Chair: Charles Fagerstrom

7:45pm: Baked Alaska Flambe (setting world record)
Chair: Bill Cash

8:15pm: Birthday Celebration in Old St. Joes
Senator Donny Olson, Guest Speaker

50-Year History Birthday Cake with all 3rd of January Birthdays
Chair: Kay & Jim Hansen

History Contest for all participants with 1st, 2nd and more

January 9, 2009

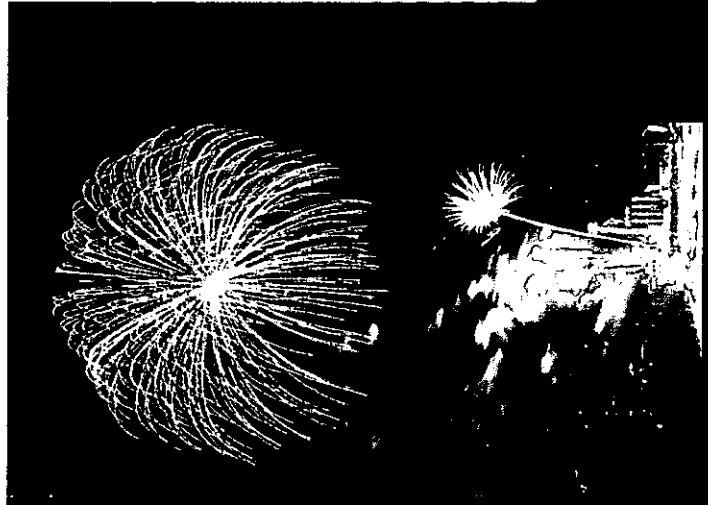
7:00pm: 50 Years of the Constitution (ACLU & Justice) with the Honorable Bruce Botelho, Mayor of City/Borough of Juneau & former Alaska Attorney General

On line at UAF - Northwest College Campus

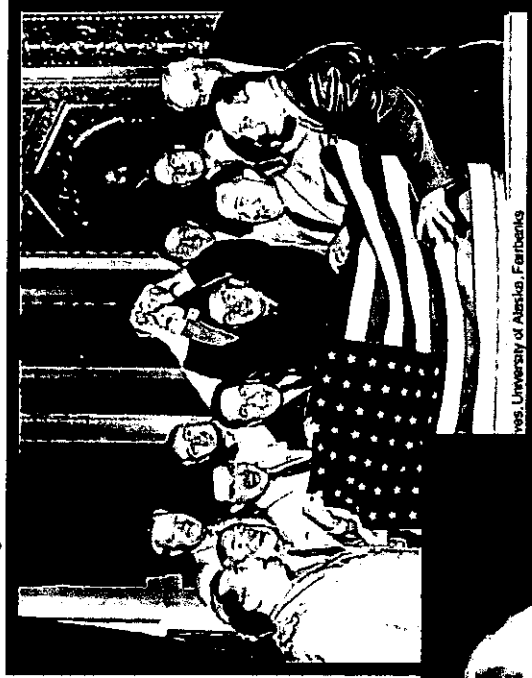
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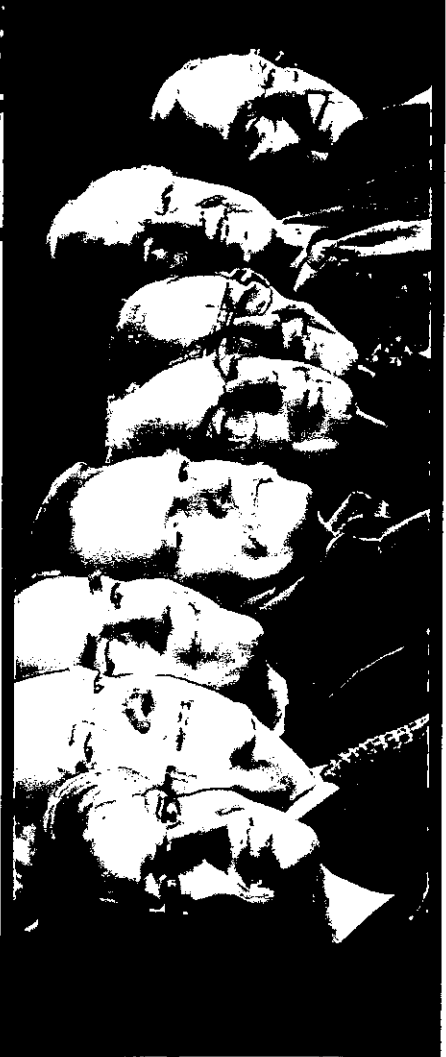
*Celebrating 50 Years of
Statehood
1959 - 2009*



April 2, 2009



University of Alaska, Fairbanks

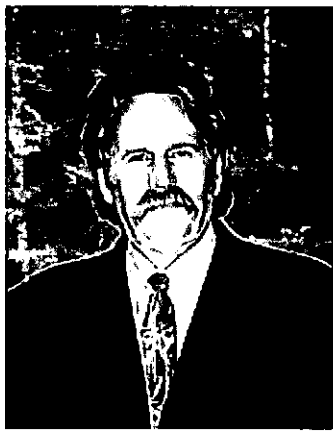




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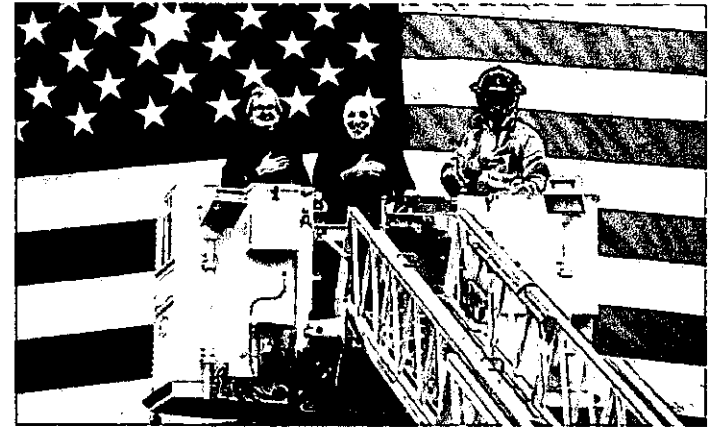
Members

- Chair, Kris Perry, **Anchorage**
- Vice-Chair, Melissa Stepovich, **Fairbanks**
- Mr. Christopher Constant, **Anchorage**
- Mr. Leo Rasmussen, **Nome**
- Ms. Kate Tesar, **Juneau**
- Senator Gary Stevens, **Kodiak**
- Senator Tom Wagoner, **Kenai**
- Representative Dave Guttenberg, **Fairbanks**
- Representative Mark Neuman, **Mat-Su Valley**





Legislative Directive



- The Statehood Commission was enacted on January 1, 2005, and ends January 31, 2010.
- The Statehood Commission consists of nine members from each Judicial District.
- The Statehood Commission shall plan and administer all official state activities.
- The Statehood Commission will set policy, prepare a timetable and budget.





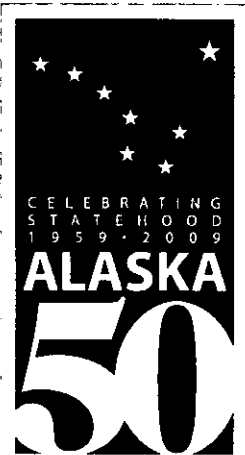
Alaska Statehood Vision, Mission, and Value



- **Vision-** Honor our history, celebrate our future.
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- **Mission-** Inspire the people of this great state and
- across the world to rejoice in Alaska's past, present, and future.

- **Value-** To honor and celebrate:
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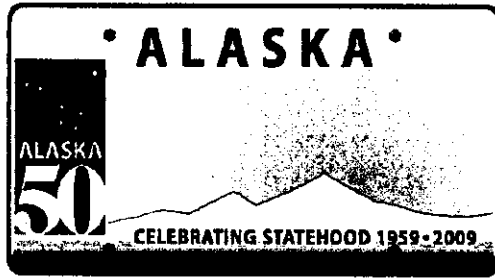


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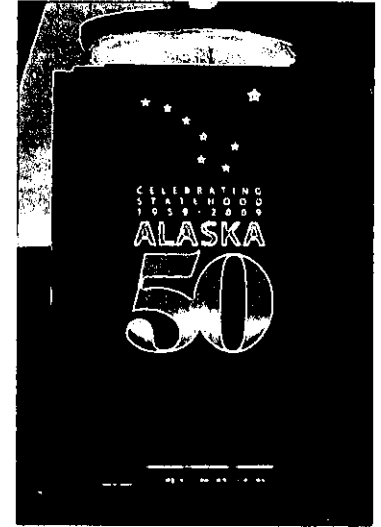
- Establish sub-committees for budget, public relations and website development.
- Engage in joint projects with municipalities, university, civic organizations and non-profits.
- Initiate a public process to solicit ideas for celebrating the 50th anniversary.
- Determine statehood projects, such as legacy or commemorative items for 50th anniversary.





Alaska Statehood Projects

- Alaska Statehood License Plate unveiled January 2008.
- Alaska Statehood Medallion designed July 2008.
- U.S. Mint State Quarter issued August 2008.
- Alaska Statehood Stamp issued January 2009.
- Alaska Airlines "Paint the Plane" Spirit of Alaska unveiled January 2009.





Alaskans Celebrate!

Historical Dates to Remember:

- **Statehood Bill** passed Congress, June 28, 1958.
- **Statehood Act** signed by President Eisenhower, July 7, 1958.
- **Statehood Proclamation** signed by President Eisenhower January 3, 1959.
- Participating communities: Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Nome, Chugiak-Eagle River, Kodiak, Petersburg, Sitka, Kenai, Unalaska and more.



FESTIVAL FAIRBANKS

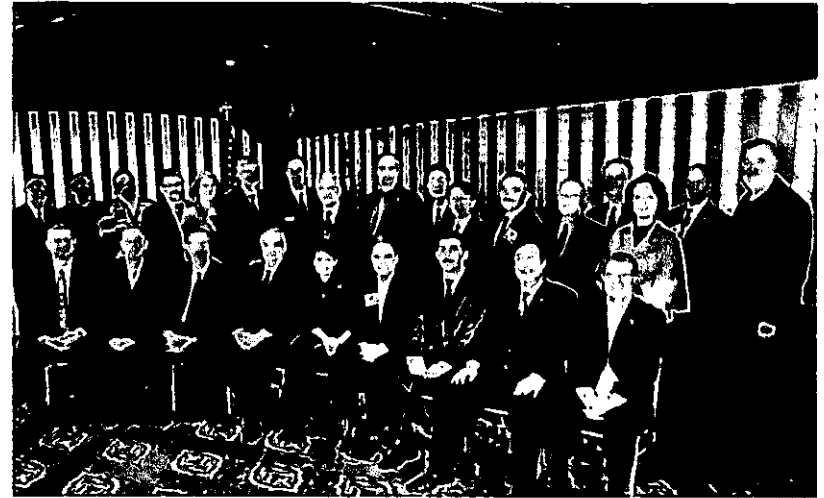
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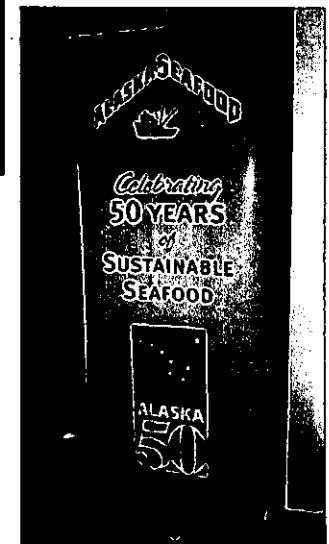
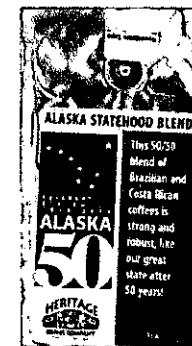




Statehood Commission Outreach and Support

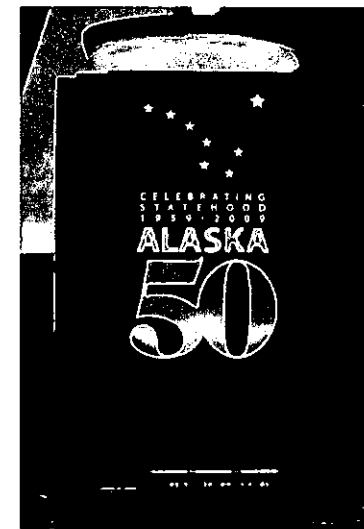


- Events attended by thousands of Alaskans, tourists, and international dignitaries.
- Statehood Commission assisted communities with fundraising efforts- Alaska Statehood medallions.
- Collateral material distributed to thousands across the state and nation. (books, pens, lapel pins, pencils and posters.)
- Alaska Statehood Logo requested and used by more than 400 businesses and communities across the state. (Coca-Cola, ASMI, ARR, ACVB, Princess Cruises, Buy Alaska, Heritage Coffee, etc.)





*Alaska Statehood
Commission
2009-2010*



- Assist community recognition of 50th anniversary of statehood.
- Outreach to our military members stationed overseas.
- Continue work with tourism industry to encourage travel to Alaska for statehood celebrations.
- Working with University, State Museum and Library for preservation and archiving of statehood work.