

# Walk for Hope This Saturday

On Saturday, May 1, Alaskans will once again Walk for Hope.

As of last week, according to Bob Halcro of the Council for Alaska's children, over 7,000 people had registered for the Walk. Besides Anchorage, walks are planned in Kenai, Soldotna and Fairbanks.

Other communities are sponsoring carnivals, fairs and food sales to support Hope Cottage and other institutions throughout the state which care for handicapped, mentally retarded and orphaned children.

On April 20, Governor William A. Egan officially proclaimed May 1 a DAY OF HOPE throughout Alaska and urges all citizens to participate in the Walk for Hope.

Last year, less than 4,000 Alaskans registered for the Walk to raise money to support Hope Cottage, Alaska's only facility for the treatment of mentally retarded and multi-handicapped children. It is estimated that another thousand Alaskans walked without registering.

As of a week before the Walk, organizers predict that more than double the number of walkers who participated last year will join this year's 31 mile walk in Anchorage, the "mini-walk" for children in Anchorage, or walks planned in Fairbanks and other cities.