



## Tanana Chiefs Conference

joins the

*Tundra Times*

in a celebration

of a sober society

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## Executive Proclamation by Tony Knowles, Governor

Public and Private agencies have identified substance abuse (alcohol/drugs) as a gateway to the many social problems confronting Alaskans, their families and communities for decades.

A Principle strategy for solving these problems has been by developing programs named after the problem and too often focusing more on the problem rather than the solution.

This strategy, although well-intentioned, may give too much attention to a commodity and its abuses than to focusing on a solution that results in socially appropriate behaviors and choices which: (a) improve the quality of life and health of individuals, families and communities; (b) reduces the incidence of alcohol and drug related crimes and ; (c) reduces the burden on local, state and federal governments to exhaust their resources on the symptoms and problems of substance abuse.

The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) created the AFN Sobriety Movement (AFNSM), as a way to focus on a mutual solution for sobriety—a positive, healthy and productive way of life, free from the devastating effects of alcohol and drugs.

The AFNSM Council and the 55 AFNSM Charter Groups and Honor Societies, made up of various local, regional, statewide and nationwide agencies have designated the month of March as Sobriety Awareness Month (SAM) in recognition of the thousands of men, women and children, whose signatures for sobriety are being carried to Nome of the Iditarod trail, and who are already doing their part of accomplish the aforementioned ABCs.

**NOW, THEREFORE** I, Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim March 1995, as:

## Sobriety Awareness Month (SAM)

In Alaska, and urge all Alaskans and every agency in the prevention field to endorse sobriety and join the thousands of men, women and children who are doing their part to improve the quality of life and health for themselves, their families and communities.

DATED: February 28, 1995



Done by—

*Tony Knowles*

Tony Knowles, Governor  
who has also authorized the seal  
of the State of Alaska  
to be affixed to this proclamation.