

# Hickel Declares Jan. 3 Legal Holiday for Centennial Year

Governor Walter J. Hickel today proclaimed Tuesday, January 3, 1967 -- the anniversary of Alaska's formal admission to statehood -- to be a legal holiday within Alaska as part of the Centennial year observances.

In noting that January 3, 1967, marks the eighth anniversary of Alaska's purchase by the United States from Czarist Russia, Gov.

Hickel urged all Alaskans to rededicate themselves "to the goal of full development in the common good."

The designation of January 3 as a legal holiday means that most Alaskans will have a four-day weekend over the New Year holiday. New Year Day falls on Sunday and under State law, the following Monday is observed as an official State holiday.