

PROCLAMATION

World Eskimo Olympics

WHEREAS, the native Eskimo and Indian in Alaska have through the years developed novel and interesting athletic events in keeping with their environments; and

WHEREAS, it is desirous that these events be perpetuated as part of the heritage of our State and our people; and

WHEREAS, it is also desirable that this heritage be made more widely available to Alaskans and the visitors to our State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks, through the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, has held and is continuing to hold an annual event called World Eskimo Olympics, during which these native athletic events are featured in contest form; and

WHEREAS, this event substantially contributes to the further dissemination of knowledge and understanding of our native people to our other citizens and visitors:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WALTER J. HICKEL, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby urge all citizens of this state to cooperate and participate to the fullest extent possible in the annual, August 9 - 12, 1967,

WORLD ESKIMO OLYMPICS

and I further commend the City of Fairbanks for undertaking and sponsoring the annual staging of this event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Alaska to be affixed this tenth day of July in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-seven.

/s/ Walter J. Hickel

Governor

(SEAL)

ATTEST: /s/ Keith H. Miller

Secretary of State