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# GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS WORLD ESKIMO OLYMPICS

Gov. Keith H. Miller has drawn up a proclamation designating August 8 and 9 as official dates of the 1969 World Eskimo Olympics to be held on the grounds of the Alaskaland under the skies.

Gov. Miller proclaimed that the native Eskimo and Indian in Alaska have through the years

developed novel and interesting athletic events in keeping with their environments.

"It is desirable that these events be perpetuated as part of the heritage of our state and our people; and it is desirable that this heritage be made more widely available to Alaskans and the

visitors to our state," Gov. Miller declared.

He said that 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 the native athletic events are featured

in contest form.

"This event," Miller continued, "substantially contributes to the further dissemination of knowledge and understanding of our native people to our other citizens and visitors."

"Now," Gov. Miller concluded, "therefore, I, Keith H. Miller,

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 World Eskimo Olympics and to become further aware of the great wealth in tradition and art forms of our native people."

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