

May is "Great Land Games '85 Month"

ANCHORAGE--Anchorage Mayor Tony Knowles proclaimed May as "Great Land Games '85 Month" in honor of the state's second annual multi-sport festival for athletes of all ages.

Knowles' endorsement of the games comes at a time when Great Land Games Coordinators John Hale and Nan Mucha are gearing up for possibly the largest single wrestling tournament in the history of Alaska on May 4-5 in Anchorage. They expect over 500 wrestlers from all over the state.

In his proclamation Knowles said the games will "emphasize

the fun, thrill and reward of Olympic-style competition; and are designed to encourage the average athlete to improve his and her physical and competitive skills" while "this festival offers unlimited participation by both families and individuals..."

Knowles' promotion of the games follows in the footsteps of his devotion to healthy physical activity and support for athletic physical facilities for Anchorage residents.

Knowles concluded, "...the many benefits derived from striving to do one's best in such com-

petition is well-documented, enriches our quality of life and is deserving of our support."

The Great Land Games began in 1984 and are recognized as the official state games of Alaska. The majority of the 1985 games will take place May 15 through June 15.
