

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, philanthropy – the act of giving time or resources to make life better for others – has benefited countless Alaskans and is part of the intrinsic value system of Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, National Philanthropic Day was first celebrated in 1986 and officially recognized by then-President Ronald Regan “to recognize the enormous achievements of all who have given of themselves for others, and to rededicate ourselves to the great tasks ahead;” and

WHEREAS, Alaska has benefitted from outstanding philanthropic achievements of individuals, family funds, foundations, corporate giving programs, and volunteers, and the State of Alaska values these contributions and recognizes the importance of charitable giving to continue the health and vibrancy of our communities; and

WHEREAS, philanthropy works to solve problems at their root cause. The benefits of philanthropic contributions have a far reaching effect on Alaskans quality of life – from our largest cities to our most rural villages; and

WHEREAS, men and women who share their personal resources, time, and talents to bring about lasting beneficial change in Alaska report an improved sense of well-being, lower stress levels, better physical health, enhanced emotional health and an enriched sense of purpose in life; and

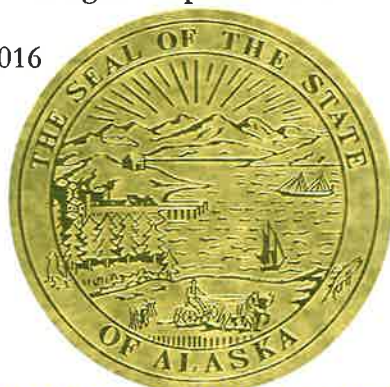
WHEREAS, Alaska Philanthropy Day will be celebrated on November 18, honoring notable philanthropic contributions of Alaskan individuals and organizations, and on November 23, Philanthropy Northwest will celebrate its 40th anniversary of collaboration with a network of philanthropists, including significant contributions from Alaskan organizations, to benefit Alaskan and Northwest communities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim November 18-24, 2016 as:

Philanthropy Week

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to invest in themselves in service to others by giving of their time, talents, and resources to bring about positive and lasting change in their neighborhoods and communities.

Dated: October 26, 2016



Bill Walker

*Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*