

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, books written by Alaskans about Alaska impart knowledge and inspiration to residents and visitors, and also stimulate interest and discussion about our unique state with readers around the world; and

WHEREAS, relevant, meaningful, and accurate Alaskan books are an invaluable component of an educational framework that can foster a love of reading across the state; and

WHEREAS, the abiding value of reading deep, thoughtful texts is highlighted by the ever increasing complexity of the issues facing society; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is home to a growing community of talented writers who continually enrich our culture by building on Alaska's deep and diverse literary tradition; and

WHEREAS, supporting the writing community and their work enhances the state's economy and makes it possible for creative professionals to remain in Alaska and thrive at their craft; and

WHEREAS, a celebration of books by Alaskans inspires the efforts of writers and readers throughout the state, including traditionally underserved writers in rural Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim October 1-7, 2017 as:

Alaska Book Week

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to celebrate Alaska's writers and our the state's rich literary tradition by participating in statewide events such as book clubs, author readings, storytelling, library visits, and promoting a passion for reading among all our citizens.

Dated: September 15, 2017



Bill Walker

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