

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**  
**Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mat-Su Borough**

*WHEREAS*, the Mat-Su Borough is a land of unparalleled natural beauty, with its majestic mountains, pristine rivers, and fertile valleys; and

*WHEREAS*, we gather here today to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Mat-Su Borough, a place where the vision and resilience of early residents laid the foundation for a thriving community; and

*WHEREAS*, the early residents were pioneers of extraordinary courage and tenacity, who ventured into this untamed wilderness to build a life for themselves and their families; and

*WHEREAS*, these pioneers saw the potential of this fertile land and the limitless opportunities it offered, and they toiled tirelessly, carving out homes and farms; and

*WHEREAS*, the pride in the Mat-Su Valley runs deep in the hearts of its residents, who cherish the landscapes, the wildlife, and the sense of community that defines this remarkable place; and

*WHEREAS*, the growth and diversity of the Mat-Su Borough are a testament to the enduring spirit of its people, who have welcomed newcomers, embraced change, and adapted to the evolving needs of our vibrant community; and

*WHEREAS*, we honor the legacy of those who came before us, recognizing the hardships they endured and the sacrifices they made to create a place we are proud to call home; and

*WHEREAS*, as we look to the future, we are committed to preserving the natural beauty of our land, fostering economic growth, and ensuring that the Mat-Su Borough remains a place where families can thrive, and dreams can come true;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Mayor Edna DeVries, do hereby proclaim the year 2024 as the

**60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**

I urge all residents to join in celebrating this momentous occasion, to reflect on our history, to appreciate the natural wonders that surround us, and to embrace the diversity and growth that make our community stronger and more vibrant.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Mat-Su Borough to be affixed this 2nd day of January 2024.

  
EDNA DeVRIES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

