

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION  
KABUKI SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, Kabuki Syndrome was first described in Japan in 1967 and became a formal diagnosis in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Kabuki Syndrome is a rare genetic disorder occurring in approximately 1 in 32,000 births worldwide and is not limited to a specific race or ethnicity. There are at least 7 individuals with Kabuki Syndrome currently residing in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, children and adults affected by Kabuki Syndrome experience a variety of symptoms, some of which include: mild to moderate intellectual impairment, growth delays, low muscle tone, feeding difficulties, heart defects, skeletal abnormalities, visual and/or hearing impairments and autistic-like behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the lack of knowledge and understanding of the disorder plays a significant role in the overwhelming number of undiagnosed cases of Kabuki Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, October is Kabuki Syndrome Awareness Month and October 23 is Kabuki Syndrome Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, All Things Kabuki, a non-profit patient advocacy organization, promotes awareness and provides educational resources and support to those touched by Kabuki Syndrome.

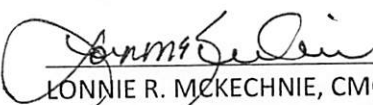
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Edna Devries, Mayor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 23, 2023, as

**KABUKI SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to be affixed this 25 day of September 2023.

ATTEST:

  
EDNA DeVRIES, MAYOR

  
LONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC

