Municipality of Anchorage
Alaska

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, community councils have been a part of Anchorage's city charter since unification in 1975; and

WHEREAS, with 38 community councils from Portage to Chugiak/Eagle River, thousands of citizens are represented at the neighborhood level on issues they find important and relevant; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood representation allows individuals to have a voice in decisions and projects that will impact the community and their lives for years to come; and

WHEREAS, grassroots neighborhood support is the backbone of any strong, healthy community; and

WHEREAS, The Federation of Community Councils (FCC) was created to provide technical and support services to ensure community councils in Anchorage live up to their expectations; and

WHEREAS, the FCC duplicates and sends more than 20,000 newsletters each month and maintains internet homepages for each of the community councils; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage is a more vibrant, livable community because of the actions and involvement of community council members;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Begich, Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as

"COMMUNITY COUNCILS AWARENESS MONTH"

in Anchorage, and encourage all residents to get involved in their community councils and become involved in the public debates and decisions that move our community forward.

MAYOR