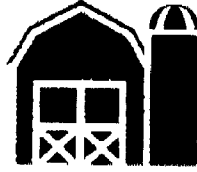


FRIENDS OF DELTA AGRICULTURE



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April 15, 2005

**Representative Carl Gatto
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182**

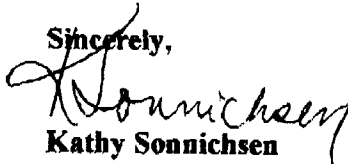
Dear Representative Gatto:

The Friends of Delta Agriculture appreciates and supports your House Concurrent Resolution #9, which makes the first Tuesday of May 2005 and May 2006 "Alaska Agriculture Day".

Our organization actively supports producers in the Delta area and such a proclamation will benefit all Alaska producers.

We appreciate your support and recognition of Alaska's hard working farmers.

Sincerely,


**Kathy Sonnichsen
Secretary/Treasurer**

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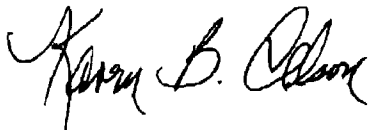
We would like to add our voice in support of establishing the first Tuesday in May as Alaska's own designated Agriculture Day, as detailed in HCR09.

The day is more appropriate for the timing of our farming, our planting season and our gardening friends, compared to the Lower 48's traditional spring kickoff around the March equinox.

Here in the Matanuska-Susitna area, it is especially apropos, as our own Anchorage Farm Market starts on the first Saturday of May. We can use the designated day to focus on the beginning of the market season only a few days later.

I am sure it will be a lot easier to raise enthusiasm for Alaska agriculture on a spectacular green day in May than a snowy, grudging day in March.

Thank you for your help.



Karen B. Olson,
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Dear Cody Rice:

On behalf of Alaska Association of Conservation Districts, I am writing to express our strong support for Alaska Agricultural Day.

This day will provide support to the Alaska agricultural community, and be of special benefit to school children across the state. Students will develop a greater appreciation of agriculture and learn about soil and water stewardship.

We strongly support this special day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Wade". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eric Wade
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