

Municipality of Anchorage Alaska

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Anchorage is strengthened by a large representation of Mexican-Americans, which share their rich traditions, cultural perspective and wonderful history with our entire community; and

WHEREAS, in 1810, Mexico initiated its long and hard fought revolution, and with vision, perseverance and great leaders, including Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla and Francisco I. Madero, Mexico gained her independence from Spain; and

WHEREAS, the anniversaries of the Mexican Revolution and Mexican Independence from Spain provides an opportunity to honor the notable history of the Mexican-American community and to pay tribute to its members and their shared appreciation for our cherished system of democracy and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Mexican-Americans have contributed greatly to the defense of freedom, both at home and abroad, and have served valiantly in the United States Military, with courage and sacrifice to defend our freedom and keep our nation safe; and

WHEREAS, we welcomed the established residence of the Consulate of Mexico in Anchorage, which has further strengthened the relationship between Anchorage and Mexico, and we do proudly join with Consul Javier Abud and the Mexican-American community in commemorating the 203rd Anniversary of Mexico's Independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Sullivan, Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska, do hereby recognize September 16, 2013, as

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

IN Anchorage and join with local citizens in celebrating and recognizing the vital role and the many contributions of Mexican-Americans in our community.



Dan Sullivan

MAYOR