

# CITY OF NOME

## KNOM DAY 50th Anniversary Celebration

WHEREAS, the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska was granted authority by the Federal Communications Commission to establish KNOM, 780Khz on the AM radio dial, to serve communities in western Alaska, and the new station commenced its programming mission on July 14, 1971; and,

WHEREAS, 50 years to the day later, the tally of dedicated staff and at least 500 volunteers have broadcast nearly 2.2 million hours of news, information, inspiration, and public service programming to the region over KNOM-AM, and many more to Nome through the later-authorized KNOM-FM; and,

WHEREAS, prior to the Internet, satellite-delivered programming, and television availability in our more rural areas of the state, radio provided the primary and pretty much sole link to the world for Western Alaska communities, bringing news of local, state, national and international events to Nome and the surrounding communities; and,

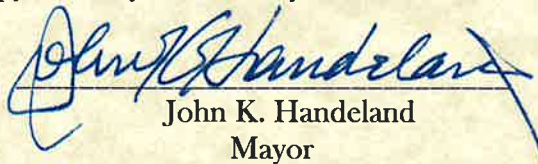
WHEREAS, KNOM has been a great asset to the community and to the City of Nome, keeping the community informed by broadcasting news, current events, public meetings, sporting events including coverage of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race, not just to our area, but also by feeding other affiliates and radio networks KNOM remains instrumental in keeping the public informed on other events by their informative broadcasts to our residents; and,


WHEREAS, award-winning coverage has consistently been recognized with countless awards being bestowed on KNOM and its staff by Alaska and National Broadcast organizations; and,

WHEREAS, despite the ups and downs that befall any venture, KNOM has persevered in their labor of love and continues to provide programming for the enrichment of body, mind, spirit and soul of the peoples of Nome and Western Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the service to our area spanning five decades, it is fitting we take pause, thanking and honoring KNOM's organizers, owners, staff and volunteers for their invaluable service to Nome, I, John K. Handeland, Mayor of Nome, do hereby proclaim **July 14, 2021 as KNOM Appreciation Day** in the city of Nome, and join with my constituents in sending every best wish for a Happy Birthday Anniversary celebration and continued future success.



  
John K. Handeland  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Bryant Hammond, City Clerk

