



Alaska's 50th Anniversary 1959 – 2009

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The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission was established to research, plan and prepare to celebrate Alaska's 50th anniversary of admission as the 49th state of the United States of America.

Timetable of Events*

December 31, 2007 – “New Years Eve 49er’s Ball: Countdown to 50 Years of Statehood” in Seward, Alaska.

January 2, 2008 – Release of the new Alaska 50th State Anniversary license plate.

February 2008 – Release of “State of Alaska’s 50th Anniversary Statehood Publication” by Faircount Publishing.

March 28, 2008 – Juneau celebrates Journey to Statehood. Music and vocal history of William Seward and Judge Wickersham’s quest for statehood.

April 11-12, 2008- UAA-Eight Stars of Gold Student Constitutional Convention at UAA Campus.

May, 9, 2008 - Anchorage Celebration- Event at Anchorage Museum, eight Governors of Alaska to sign the “Legacy of Alaska” Commemorative Print by artist Sydney Laurence.

May 28, 2008 – Celebration event in Fairbanks to commemorate when Congress passed the Alaska Statehood Act on June 28th 1958.

June 28-29, 2008 - Anchorage Celebration - We’re in Weekend” various musical concerts and 50th Anniversary Air Show.

July 4, 2008 – Capitol City Celebration- weekend event in Juneau marking the Statehood Act signed by President Eisenhower.

September 2008 – U.S. Mint release of the Alaska commemorative quarter.

January 3, 2009 – Grand Ball in Anchorage at Denaina Center to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Statehood.

2009- U.S.Postage Stamp for Alaska’s 50th Anniversary of Statehood.

Communities, groups and businesses all around Alaska are planning local events and activities to honor, commemorate, and celebrate this milestone for Alaska! Don’t miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of history!



***As events are finalized, they will be added to the timeline and posted on our website.**