

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is blessed with the fertile lands of the Susitna and Matanuska River Valleys; and*

*WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is recognized as the agricultural center of Alaska due in large part to the selection of the original Matanuska Colonists and those who have followed in their footsteps; and*

*WHEREAS, that proud tradition continues today through the efforts and hard work of an ever expanding number of family peony farms in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and*

*WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the largest peony producing region in the State of Alaska and a significant economic engine in our agricultural community today; and*

*WHEREAS, the Susitna and Matanuska River Valleys produce some of the world's largest, most fragrant blooms at a time when they exist nowhere else in the world.*

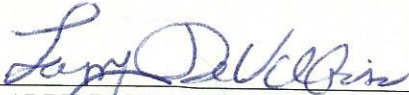
*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Larry DeVilbiss, Mayor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, designates August 3<sup>rd</sup> thru August 9<sup>th</sup> as*

***Peony Recognition Week***


*THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I, Larry DeVilbiss, Mayor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, proclaims that we are*

***The Peony Capital of Alaska***

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to be affixed this 10 day of April, 2014.*

  
LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

