

Dear UA Community –

This 4th of July holiday, as we celebrate the 241st birthday of the Declaration of Independence I am reminded of the many freedoms we enjoy as Alaskans and Americans because of those who defend our country both here in Alaska and around the world. We thank them for defending our freedom of speech, freedom of choice, of religion, and of assembly, as well as our freedom to celebrate our differences and our similarities.

I am very proud of the work we've done together this past year in pursuance of those freedoms in our classrooms, laboratories, studios, field camps and every other venue where we seek and share knowledge.

I wish you the happiest 4th of July and trust that you will celebrate the many blessings we enjoy in this country with friends and family.

Thank you for all that you do for the University of Alaska. Enjoy your holiday in this beautiful Alaska summer, and I look forward to seeing you all again soon as we renew our work together to advance this university in service to the people of our state.

Jim Johnsen