

February 26, 2019

Honorable Governor Mike Dunleavy PO Box Juneau, AK 99802

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

Petersburg is a small fishing community of approximately 3,100 residents located on Mitkof Island in Southeast Alaska. Our home rule Borough was incorporated January 3, 2013. Petersburg was originally founded in 1910 by Norwegian immigrant, Peter Buschmann, and has been going strong ever since.

The Petersburg Borough Assembly would like to extend an invitation to you, your family, and your staff to visit Petersburg during our 2019 Little Norway Festival, locally known as Mayfest, which will be held Thursday, May 16th through Sunday, May 19th. Petersburg celebrates Norwegian Constitution Day, May 17th, each year with a weekend long festival that includes a parade, food and craft booths downtown, live music, Vikings and Valkyries roaming the town, a Scandinavian pageant, Kaffe Hus, a Bunad style show, a local play, a salmon/halibut/black cod bake, tours of the local USCG Cutters and much more. Petersburg would be honored to have you in attendance. If you are interested, tours of our bustling harbor, seafood processing facilities and fishing vessels can be arranged. Lodging for Mayfest fills up rather quickly, so if you can make it you may want to book your lodging soon. Our two local hotels are: Scandia House (907-772-4281) and Tides Inn (907-772-4288). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (907) 518-0009 or Borough Clerk Debra Thompson at (907) 772-5405. We hope to share our wonderful community with you.

Respectfully,

Mark Jensen Mayor