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Alaskans Are Invited to Celebrate America's Potluck

(Palmer, AK) – On Sunday, July 5, Alaskans across the state are invited to pull up a chair, share a dish and celebrate community by participating in the nationwide “America’s Potluck” as part of the United States’ 250th birthday celebrations in 2026.

Rooted in the timeless tradition of Sunday dinner, America’s Potluck encourages neighbors, families and friends to host their own gatherings—whether around a backyard table, in a local park or at a community center. The goal is simple yet powerful: bring people together through food, conversation and connection.

“Alaska’s agriculture and natural resources tell a story of abundance, fortitude and fellowship,” **said Director Bryan Scoresby of the Division of Agriculture.** “Across our state, Alaskans take pride in growing, harvesting and sharing the foods that sustain us. America’s Potluck is a chance to showcase that bounty, celebrate our producers and join the nation in a truly historic moment.”

Leading up to the Fourth of July Independence Day weekend, the Division of Agriculture’s Alaska Grown program will feature America250-Alaska recipes and cooking demonstrations through its “Cooking with Alaska Grown” video series on social media. This series promotes Alaska Grown ingredients and encourages Alaskans to incorporate local products into their America’s Potluck celebrations.

Alaskans can be a part in the festivities by:

- Hosting a potluck at home or in their neighborhood
- Partnering with neighbors to organize a larger community gathering
- Sharing traditional dishes that reflect Alaska’s diverse cultures and local flavors
- Inviting someone new to the table

“Whether it’s a small family meal or a large community celebration, every gathering contributes to a shared national experience of unity and gratitude,” **said Lorraine Henry, America250-Alaska co-Commissioner.** “As the U.S. commemorates 250 years, Alaskans are invited to celebrate together in a way that feels both deeply local and proudly national – like many of our America250-Alaska activities.”

America’s Potluck is open to everyone, and participation is as simple as bringing a dish and a willingness to connect. For more information, sign templates and ideas on hosting your own America’s Potluck visit <https://america250.org/event/americas-potluck/>.

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