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Utqiagvik Hosts America250-Alaska Events June 30 & July 1

Alaska's Week of Dreams Presented by Global Credit Union includes two baseball-themed community celebrations in the United States' northernmost city

(Utqiagvik, Alaska) – Play ball! Alaska's Week of Dreams Presented by Global Credit Union is coming to Utqiagvik. The City of Utqiagvik, Native Village of Barrow, North Slope Borough, and Ukpeagvik Iñupiat Corporation are teaming up to host two events and celebrate the United States' 250th birthday in the United States' northernmost community:

The Lineup

- June 30, 6:30pm City Chambers: **Community Storytelling Event** with Elders, MLB Ambassadors Greg A. Harris and DJ Carrasco, and State Historian Katie Ringsmuth discussing the history of baseball in the Arctic. Dinner will be provided
- July 1, 10am COU Softball Field: **Community Anaraġauraq Game** is a chance to play "Eskimo Baseball" with Elders, youth and MLB Ambassadors

"From the Arctic Whalers team on Herschel Island to Indigenous baseball introduced by the Sami reindeer herders, northern Alaskans have embraced the game and made it their own," said State Historian and America250-Alaska co-Commissioner Dr. Katie Ringsmuth. "America250-Alaska is grateful to the City of Utqiagvik, Native Village of Barrow, North Slope Borough, and Ukpeagvik Iñupiat Corporation for their partnership – and we're excited to learn Anaraġauraq!"

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About America250-Alaska: Led by the Alaska Office of History & Archaeology, the America250-Alaska commission is working to engage Alaskans in commemorating the 250th birthday of the United States in 2026. The vision for Alaska's celebration is "History for Tomorrow" highlighting the importance of the next generation to Alaska's future. The theme was inspired by the 1956

Alaska Constitutional Convention members who bequeathed the state constitution to Alaska's youth: "You are our future. We ask you to take tomorrow and dream."

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