

Endorsement Request Letter

[Date]

[Official Name]

[Title]

[Organization/Office]

[Address]

Dear [Official Name],

Alaska Entrepreneurship Week (AKEW) is Alaska's annual entrepreneurial fair: a statewide, volunteer-led initiative that assembles the full entrepreneurship support system into one coordinated week and delivers it to every community in the state. AKEW 2026 takes place September 14-18.

AKEW does three things: showcases the organizations and programs that already support Alaska's entrepreneurs, fills the gaps where resources are missing, and delivers the complete ecosystem to every community through City Leads in 7+ regions, including Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Mat-Su, Valdez, and rural Alaska.

In 2025, AKEW coordinated 120+ events with 50+ organizations across 7+ regions. The Governor has proclaimed Alaska Entrepreneurship Week for three consecutive years. The Anchorage Mayor has offered direct support. Federal partners including the SBA have joined the coalition. AKEW operates with zero paid staff and is funded entirely by sponsorships and volunteer effort.

We are requesting your endorsement of Alaska Entrepreneurship Week 2026. An endorsement from [your office/organization] would signal to entrepreneurs, organizations, and sponsors that [jurisdiction/sector] supports the infrastructure needed for Alaska's entrepreneurial ecosystem to thrive.

Ways to support AKEW:

- Issue an official proclamation or endorsement letter
- Host or co-host a session during the week (permitting, licensing, grants, etc.)
- Share the AKEW event calendar with constituents and business associations
- Attend events during the week

AKEW directly supports objectives for rural economic development, small business growth, and workforce development. By connecting 50+ organizations across 7+ regions, AKEW provides a delivery mechanism for programs that government agencies fund but struggle to distribute beyond Anchorage.

For more information or to discuss partnership, please contact us at contact@akew.org or visit akew.org.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Title], Alaska Entrepreneurship Week

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