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Interior Gas Utility (IGU) Celebrates Natural Gas Utility Workers' Day on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Fairbanks, Alaska – IGU will observe the national Natural Gas Utility Workers' Day on March 18, 2020. This is the fifth year in which Natural Gas Utility Workers' Day has been officially celebrated across the country. This day of recognition is a time when communities such as ours give recognition to the employees who provide one of their most valuable assets—their natural gas utility.

The official Natural Gas Utility Workers' Day is March 18 because that is the date of the New London, Texas school explosion in 1937 that led to the widespread odorization of natural gas and an increased emphasis on safety. Safety is a vital aspect to natural gas distribution and the employees of distribution companies endeavor to make natural gas delivery as safe as possible.

This annual nationwide event is intended to build public awareness about the hard work done by the employees of natural gas utilities. Our customers recognize the need to access reliable, affordable, safe energy and depend on the service of natural gas utility employees for that need.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Natural Gas Utility Workers, over 1100 residential and commercial customers are currently able to enjoy the benefits of natural gas. Their continued dedication has resulted in the completion of our 5.25 M Gallon LNG storage tank project in Fairbanks and coming in Fall 2020 an LNG storage facility in North Pole. The completion of the large LNG storage tank is a game changer for clean, affordable natural gas in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The hard work going into the North Pole Storage Site will lead to cleaner air for North Pole by the end of 2020.

IGU looks forward to continuing to bring safe, reliable natural gas into your homes and businesses. We also hope you join us in supporting natural gas as a premier energy source for our community. As the cleanest burning fossil fuel, natural gas can help us improve our air quality.

If you would like to learn more about the benefits of natural gas and how your natural gas system works, please contact IGU at 907-452-7111.