

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #172 (2004-2005)

February 7, 2005

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY
FEBRUARY 16, 2005

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing Wednesday, February 16, 2005, as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Elizabeth Peratrovich Day provides an opportunity to remind the public of the invaluable contribution of this Native Alaskan leader who was an advocate for Native citizens and their rights. This courageous woman could not remain silent about injustice, prejudice and discrimination.

In 1988 the Alaska State Legislature established February 16 as the annual Elizabeth Peratrovich Day. It seems appropriate that the Anchorage School District join in the recognition and celebration of a woman whose accomplishments significantly impacted the future of all Alaskans.

CC/ME/LN

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WHEREAS, In 1945, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska passed House Resolution 14 "to provide for full and equal accommodations, facilities and privileges to all citizens in places of public accommodation within the jurisdiction of the Territory of Alaska;" and

WHEREAS, This was the first anti-discrimination bill introduced and passed in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS) Grand President Elizabeth Wannamaker Peratrovich faithfully and passionately worked to overcome prejudice and discrimination toward Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, Her vision, humanitarian work, and powerful testimony before the Legislature was instrumental in the passage of the anti-discrimination law;

WHEREAS, In 1988, the Alaska State Legislature passed a bill designating February 16 as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day in honor of the late ANS Grand President's pursuit to end discrimination.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage School Board recognizes February 16, 2005, as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day and encourages residents to recognize the great contributions Elizabeth Peratrovich made to our state and its people.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage School Board this 7th day of February, 2005.

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