

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #181 (2007-2008)

January 28, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY  
FEBRUARY 16, 2008

*ASD Goal: Establish and maintain an effective and supportive learning environment.*

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends approval by the Anchorage School Board of the resolution recognizing February 16, 2008 as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Elizabeth Peratrovich Day honors a Native Alaskan who truly made a difference. Her invaluable contribution as an advocate for Native citizens and their rights was the catalyst for passing the first anti-discrimination law in Alaska in 1945, nearly 20 years before the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. The eloquence of this courageous woman centered on combating injustice, prejudice and discrimination.

In 1988, the Alaska State Legislature established February 16 as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day each year. The Anchorage School District joins in the recognition and celebration of a woman whose accomplishments still affect all Alaskans.

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**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD  
ASDR 2007-2008-11**

**RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY  
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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, 2008 as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day and encourages residents to recognize the great contributions Elizabeth Peratrovich made to our state and people.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage School Board this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

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