

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #176 (2009-2010)

January 25, 2010

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY

ASD Goal: *Education in the highly diverse ASD will be accessible, culturally responsive, supportive of students, and safe.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the school board approve a resolution recognizing Thursday, February 16, 2010 as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Elizabeth Peratrovich, an Alaskan Tlingit, was an important civil rights activist, working on behalf of equality for all Alaskans. She 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. Because of her eloquent and courageous fight for justice for all, today's society does not tolerate blatant discrimination that once existed in our state.

In 1988, the Alaska State Legislature established February 16 as the annual Elizabeth Peratrovich Day to honor the woman whose accomplishments significantly made a difference to the lives of Alaskans past, present and future.

CC/HS/RD

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**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD**

ASDR 2009-2010-10

**A RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY  
FEBRUARY 16, 2010,**

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

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, the Alaska State Legislature passed a bill designating February 16 as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day in her honor,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anchorage School Board recognizes February 16, 2010, as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day and encourages residents to celebrate the great contributions Elizabeth Peratrovich made to our state and its people.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage School Board this 25th day of January, 2010.

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD**

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