

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #203 (2000-2001)

February, 12, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY
FEBRUARY 16, 2001

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the attached resolution recognizing February 16, 2001, as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Elizabeth Peratrovich Day is an opportunity to remember and recognize the invaluable contribution of this Native Alaskan leader who was an advocate for the rights of Native citizens.

Peratrovich was active in the Alaska Native Sisterhood, eventually became the organization's Grand President and lobbied strenuously for the passage of the Alaska Territory's Anti-Discrimination Act. In 1943 and 1944 it failed to pass, but in 1945 Elizabeth Peratrovich addressed the Territorial Senate prior to the vote. Following her heartfelt speech there was thunderous applause from the Gallery and the first anti-discrimination law was passed.

In 1987 the State Legislature established February 16 as the annual Elizabeth Peratrovich Day. It seems only fitting that the Anchorage School District join in the recognition and celebration of a woman whose accomplishments have an enduring impact on all Alaskans.

CC/LW/CW

Attachment

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