

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #182 (2008-2009)

January 26, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY  
FEBRUARY 16, 2009

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

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing Thursday, February 16, 2009, as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Elizabeth Peratrovich was an invaluable contributor as an advocate for Native citizens and their rights. 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. The eloquence of Ms. Peratrovich's courageousness centered on combating 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/HG/HE

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**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD  
ASDR 2008-2009-08**

**RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

**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, 2009, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

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