

Celebrate Civil Rights Leader Elizabeth Peratrovich February 16th, 2024



Elizabeth Peratrovich was a Tlingit woman from the Raven moiety, Lukaax̂.ádi clan. She faced discrimination in many ways. When Elizabeth and her husband, Roy, moved to Juneau, they found a neighborhood where they wanted to leave and send their children to school. They were not able to lease the house they found because they were Alaska Native. She used her position as president of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, to fight for Alaska Native Rights. In February of 1945, Elizabeth Peratrovich addressed the Alaska Territorial Legislature. After her speech, House Bill 14 was passed and became known as the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945.

This year Molly of Denali started the new season off strong by sharing about Elizabeth Peratrovich. The episode does a great job of honoring Elizabeth Petrovich and showing how her efforts impact us today. While the intended target is grades K-2 the content is a great way to have important discussions with all ages.

To watch the episode or for educational resources please visit,

<https://alaskapublic.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/mod2-21-soc-mollyelizabeth/molly-elizabeth-molly-of-denali/>.

We would also like to remind secondary educators that we have dvd's of For the Rights of All, Ending Jim Crow in Alaska available for check-out. The film tells the story of Elizabeth Peratrovich and her fight for civil rights in Alaska. Please use this [link](#) to access the discussion guide for the film.