



ANB/ANS Grand Camp
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Resolution 19-16

Title: TEACH ELIZABETH PERATROVICH IN SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Since 1989, Elizabeth Peratrovich has been honored in Alaska on February 16, the day in 1945 when her testimony helped to pass Alaska's Anti-Discrimination bill in the Territorial Legislature. However, there is no requirement that Alaska schools teach students about this Alaska Native civil rights hero; and

WHEREAS, After passage of the anti-discrimination bill in Alaska's Territorial House of Representatives, ANS Grand President Elizabeth Peratrovich and her husband, ANB Grand President Roy Peratrovich both testified before Alaska's all-white, male Territorial Senate for final passage of the anti-discrimination bill; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Elizabeth Peratrovich's work on the passage of Alaska's anti-discrimination bill, she pursued many other efforts to raise awareness of injustices faced by Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, The US Mint will release an Elizabeth Peratrovich silver dollar coin in 2020 to honor the Peratrovich family, all Alaska Natives, and all Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peratrovich is a 2019 inductee into the National Native America Hall of Fame, a nationwide non-profit with the mission to recognize and honor the inspirational achievements of Native Americans in contemporary history; and

WHEREAS, Pauline Duncan, a Sitka School District teacher, wrote Elizabeth Peratrovich: Native Civil Rights Leader, a "Children of the Alaska Tidelands" copyright 2001 as a resource for elementary students; and



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WHEREAS, Elizabeth's son Roy Peratrovich Jr. and writer Annie Boochever wrote a book in 2019, *Fighter in Velvet Gloves: Alaska Civil Rights Hero Elizabeth Peratrovich*, published by the University of Alaska Press, for middle and high school students.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2019 will actively advocate with state legislators, school boards, and school administrators to require that all Alaska students learn about the history of Elizabeth Peratrovich and her role in the battles for Alaska Native civil rights.

/s/ Joe Williams, Grand President
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Paulette Moreno, Grand President
Alaska Native Sisterhood

/s/ James A. Llanos Jr, Grand Secretary
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Carol Duis, Grand Secretary
Alaska Native Sisterhood