



**The Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) and the Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS) Grand Camp stand in Solidarity with Black Lives Matter.**

ANB Grand President Gurko and ANS Grand President Moreno, join the ANB/ANS Executive Committees, in appreciation for your Local Camps recent participation in gatherings and standing for Solidarity.

We urge all Local ANB and ANS Camps to continue to support a message of solidarity in your local communities.

Our organizations were founded for Indigenous Civil Rights and we recognize the need to stand in support of all marginalized, underserved, and misrepresented people, including our Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC).

The ANB and ANS formed in response to the injustices our Founding Fathers and Mothers experienced, from boarding schools, to segregated neighborhoods and community spaces, and living in their Ancestral Homelands seeing signs everywhere that said, “No Dogs, No Natives Allowed.” In response to these injustices Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian men and women, and their allies, rallied together and used a unified voice making it clear that they would not stand aside and allow the system that was unfolding to continue to oppress, marginalize, and neglect our people.

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Alaska Anti-Discrimination Act, which Elizabeth Peratrovich used her voice to advocate for the passage of the first of its kind Anti-Discrimination Act. In her famous speech to Legislators Elizabeth said " No law will eliminate crimes but at least you as legislators can assert to the world that you recognize the evil of the present situation and speak your intent to help us overcome discrimination."

Now is our time to use our voices to stand together against discrimination and also demand that our elected officials assert to the world that they “recognize the evil of the present situation and speak” their “intent to help us overcome discrimination.”



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