

Thomas appointed

Gov. Jay Hammond said he was pleased to learn of the appointment of Tay Thomas to the President's Advisory Council on the Status of Women. Mrs. Thomas was one of 20 women in the U.S. appointed to the council by President Gerald Ford.

Mrs. Thomas will attend her first council meeting in Washington on April 23.

Governor Hammond said, "I think Alaska is fortunate to have Tay named as a member of this council. I know she is concerned as I am with advancing the status of women; and I know she will serve Alaska and the nation as well."

The Council on the Status of Women was established by executive order in 1963, by President John F. Kennedy.

The council is charged with serving as a means for stimulating action to improve conditions of special concern to women, with reviewing progress of organizations in furthering full participation of women in American life and with advancing a Federal Interdepartmental Committee on the Status of Women.

Mrs. Thomas said, "I'll have to be concerned with the problems women face all over the United States, but of prime consideration to me will be the encouragement of establishing a Commission on the Status of Women in Alaska."

Mrs. Thomas served as a member of the Anchorage School Board for six years. She was appointed a federal member of the Land Use Planning Commission in 1974.

She has also served on the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Board and was founder and chairman of the Anchorage FISH volunteer organization.

Mrs. Thomas lives in Juneau with her husband, Lt. Gov. Lowell Thomas, Jr.

Mrs. Thomas is also a past president of the Anchorage Women's Republican Club. She is the author of five books and three national magazine articles. Her fifth book is to be published before the end of the year.