

Miss Barbara Trigg Honored-

For Humanitarian Work During Claims Effort



BARBARA TRIGG, honored last week as an outstanding humanitarian by the City of Nome and the Northwestern Alaska Chamber of Commerce, wielded a stone gavel while chairman of the Nome Job Development Conference in 1967. She has participated in many programs and projects designed to improve the economy, upgrade education, and meet the social needs of Northwest Alaska residents. She, along with her father Jerome Trigg, were leaders in the Native associations which achieved the settlement of the land claims.

Barbara Trigg, a leader during the effort to achieve a settlement of the Native land claims, and a proponent of greater economic opportunities and social programs for residents of Northwest Alaska, received two separate awards for humanitarian services in Nome last week.

Nome Mayor Robert H. Renshaw proclaimed Barbara Trigg as the city's outstanding citizen for the month of November in recognition of her "outstanding record of service to the poor; the alcoholic; the unemployed; the uneducated; and those with mental health problems."

Renshaw also cited her for "time and efforts to help preserve the culture and heritage of the Alaska Native people."

A special award presentation was also made by the Northwestern Alaska Chamber of Commerce, which gave tribute to Barbara Trigg as an

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outstanding humanitarian and noted her achievements in promoting social reform and human welfare for betterment of area residents.

In the award presentation, Chamber president Daniel Karmun said, "The end result of her actions, together with others, has led to new housing, more and better roads, improvements in Alaskan education, and the establishment of programs to combat alcoholism, establish better health care delivery, and to reduce unemployment . . .

"Today her health is broken and she is virtually confined to her home for the foreseeable future. In part, her loss of health before she reached 32 years of age is due to the physical and mental stress of her commitment to improve the quality of life in Alaska . . .

"Barbara's concerns . . . are the problems of people facing enforced change, Native people in transition to a modern world, and the special problems of northern poverty that are reflected in excessive rates of suicide, alcoholism, and apathy."