

Primaries were good for Native Vote '96

The Alaska Federation of Natives Convention helped their drive to sign up voters in the Native Vote '96 campaign.

The primaries were a good showing overall with rural areas that are predominantly Native turning out well above average for the state.

The official overall state turnout was 30.3 percent while some communities ranging up to 83 percent of the registered voters showing up at the polls. The village of Newtok takes the unofficial honors as the highest turnout with 110 of the 133 registered voters going to the polls, according to information from the AFN. This compares to the 25 percent of the Anchorage Bowl area.

"Native Vote '96 is alive and well. It's working and we expect it will accomplish even more on November 5," said AFN electoral task force chairman Morris Thompson of Fairbanks in a prepared statement.

The highlight of the AFN voter registration drive for Native Vote '96 was a concert on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Egan Center. The concert was headlined by

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Jimmie Dale Gilmore and also featured the Iqaluit Throat Singers from the Northwest Territories, Canada, The Tulchinas from Nondalton and Pamyua, a Bethel-based performing group.

The AFN also published a "report card" on all state legislators that voted on items that are considered important to the na-

tive community.

The issues on the report were put together by a 17 member task force. The report card was handed out at the AFN Convention.

For more information on the report card, contact the AFN.