

Robert Willard Appointed to Head Human Rights Comm.

Robert Willard, a Tlingit Indian from Angoon in southeastern Alaska, last week was appointed by Gov. Keith Miller to the position of executive director of the Alaska Human Rights Commission.

The position had been vacant since Feb. 15 when Willard Bowman resigned as the agency's director. Larman Stennis, field representative for the commission, has been acting director since Bowman's resignation.

Ernest Griffen of Fairbanks, chairman of the commission board of directors said that Robert Willard's name was submitted to the governor's office on March 6.

The new director of the rights commission is a life-long Alaska resident. He has served six years with the Alaska State Troopers and the Juneau police department before being appointed.

He has also served two years as field representative and liaison

officer for the Alaska Legal Services Corporation.

"We are fortunate to have a man of Mr. Willard's background and ability for this important position," said Gov. Miller in making the appointment.

Willard and his wife Ruth and their son Dennis are now living in Anchorage. He is the Anchorage delegate to the Tlingit-Haida Central Council. He is also president of the Anchorage camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood.