

# A Message to Rural Alaskans

The cultural diversity, vast distances, and sometimes fragile economies that characterize rural Alaska create special challenges for the people who live and work outside the state's urban centers.

To meet the challenges, state government has a leadership responsibility in:

- encouraging the development of self-sustaining economic enterprise,
- providing for the equitable distribution of programs, capital projects, and services, and
- supporting maximum local control through effective city and borough governments.

My administration will produce and implement strategies and policies that are responsive to the special needs of rural Alaskans, as well as those issues of concern to all Alaskans.



Terry Miller

Over the years and throughout this campaign, I have met with rural Alaskans to listen to what you have to say about state government. I invite your questions and comments, and look forward to hearing from you in the coming weeks.

Your next governor must have the experience, the depth of understanding, the character, and the commitment to meet the tough challenges of the years ahead. Nothing less than a hard worker will do.

I am proud to be running with Terry Miller. As lieutenant governor under Jay Hammond, Terry demonstrated how important Alaska's lieutenant governor can be. He has always been a concerned advocate for rural Alaska, and he'll be a strong partner in my administration.

I want to be your governor. I believe I'm the best person for the job, and I want your vote on November 4.

Thank you.

*Arliss*



Governor Jay Hammond with Arliss Sturgulewski

## As Governor, I will:

- Identify and focus on the resource strengths and economic potential of each region. With your assistance, state government will act as a facilitator, finding new markets and strategies for product development.
- See that all communities receive equitable funding for health care, public safety, energy, education, and essential public facilities.
- Encourage self-government and local control within the framework of Alaska's constitution.
- Demand that the BIA and other federal agencies meet their trust responsibilities in such areas as education, health care, and child welfare.
- Support the continued development of such resource potentials as the Red Dog Mine.
- Support the subsistence laws, on which I worked so hard in the last session of the state legislature.
- Invest in expanding our educational programs to prepare Alaskans to better meet the demands of change.
- Protect our families by working for effective programs to combat alcohol and drug abuse.
- Reassess all of our energy options, and develop workable plans to meet the energy needs of rural Alaska, while encouraging energy conservation and the development of alternate energy sources.
- Continue to protect and enhance the Permanent Fund.



Arliss Sturgulewski and Glenn (Tiny) Fredericks, Chairman of the Board Kuskokwin Corp.