



## *Letters to the Editor*

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Dear Editor:

American Indian Day (September 26, 1969) passed by virtually unnoticed in Alaska. The following address delivered by Senator Kennedy on September 26, 1969, eloquently focuses on the often-overlooked contributions of the aboriginal inhabitants of our country. It does point out the very real possibility for an "Alaska Native Day," on which occasion various institutions could be informed as to our heritage and culture through personal visits and speeches by Alaska Native leaders. If this idea is developed, it could become a vehicle for informing a public that largely has lived among us without ever really understanding us.

If we don't develop a separate "Alaska Native Day," then possibly we could actively participate in American Indian Day in Alaska.

Very truly yours,  
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