

# Shageluk dedication

In our last editorial we wrote about the importance of small, individual efforts needed to win the bigger battle against the "subsistence repeal initiative" this November.

Before that editorial was fully off the press, we learned that a village in the Doyon region knew of this importance all along. They took what we believe to be the first step since the AFN convention to raise money to oppose this initiative.

The people of Shageluk held a "Walk for Subsistence." More than 90 of the 126 residents of that village, ranging in age from 3-months to 88 years old showed their support for a continued subsistence lifestyle for Alaskans.

As villager Joy Hamilton writes to us: "Shageluk people made a stand. They refuse to be dependent on government welfare systems and store food."

These people know the importance of the fight to keep the subsistence law and they did something about it.

They raised \$1,000 to send to Alaskans for Sensible Fish and Game Management, the committee coordinating efforts to defeat this initiative.

It takes many drops of water to fill a bucket, but the bucket can't get full until and unless the first drop falls in. Shageluk has provided much more than that first drop. We congratulate the people of Shageluk. We admire their dedication, inspiration and sense of purpose.

We hope you feel the same and that each of you takes to heart the example set by the people of Shageluk in supporting subsistence and the Native lifestyle. It will, after all, be each of you, individually, that will push this through to success.