

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire



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PROCLAMATION

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nessed the certification of Alaska Native enrollment under provisions of the Claims Settlement Act of 1971, and the initial transfer of funds to Regional Corporations.

Since that time (the week of December 16, 1973), we have observed with pride the progress of Alaska's Native Regional Corporations as they have undertaken the most difficult task of securing the future well-being of their shareholders and of their children. We have witnessed significant development of our State's most valuable resource, our human resources, as Native people throughout the State continue to build leadership and professional skills.

With the strength of the native corporations ever on the rise we will mark another milestone in Alaska's history with the week of October 20, 1974.

This week will focus attention on the programs, progress, and achievement of Alaska's Native peoples with an eye to the future — a future which shall bring self-determination for all Alaskans.

During the designated week, the Alaska Federation of Natives will hold its annual convention in Anchorage. The federation will be addressing many challenges and problems concomitant with a rapidly developing state. They are to be commended for their diligent efforts.

Also during this week, as a highlight of the convention, Alaskans from all segments of our population will join at the traditional annual banquet in honor and support of the Tundra Times. Well known as the voice of Native Alaska, the Tundra Times continues to provide professional service in spite of its marginal financial resources. It is this sort of dedication which exemplifies to all of us that the Native people of Alaska are indeed capable of facing the difficult challenges of the future.

Approximately 60,000 Eskimo, Aleut, and Indian people still reside in their homeland — descendants of the first citizens of Alaska — and bearers of distinct strong cultural heritages. It remains the desire of this Administration to encourage and assist in the preservation of these cultural legacies as they hold meaning and strength for all of us. They should not be sacrificed to rapid growth, change, and policies, however well-meaning, that tend to erode rather than reinforce these values.

Now, therefore, in recognition of the contributions and achievements of the Native peoples of Alaska, I William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska, do hereby proclaim the week of October 20 through October 26, 1974, as

ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLES WEEK

and urge all Alaskans to join me in recognition of the historic events of the week and in reaffirmation of the spirit of unanimity necessary to continue building a state of which all Alaskans may be proud.

Dated this 15 day of October, 1974.

/s/ William A. Egan

William A. Egan
Governor

/s/ H. A. Boucher

H. A. Boucher
Lieutenant Governor

Letters from Here and There

Appreciates Publishing Of Letter

3318 Hunter Blvd. South
Seattle, Wa. 98144
October 13, 1974

Dear Howard Rock:

I want to thank you for publishing my letter about my Aunt Minnie Brady. My friend John Lombard sent me the copy, and also sent to me your story about Punnik and Puneak. I read it and I cried, I couldn't help myself, it was so beautiful and brought back to memories I had as a child, I hadn't really forgotten my childhood, which is the reason I suppose that I am writing a book called "THE WILD ROSE".

I have been longing to come home so badly for years, and your story, (while it brought joy, it also brought such a sorrow for what can never be again). Forgive the misplaced commas, etc., while people tell me I can write I never had any training, and did not learn punctuation.

John asked me to help write about the Native drug abuse and alcohol program they are starting. I know only too well the harm alcohol did to my family and friends of mine. I wish I could write what our family and friends suffered behind this problem given to us by THEM. The suffering it has caused us, but it is only too well known. I wrote a poem concerning it and am submitting it to you with the hope that someone will read it and benefit from it, even only one. Of course I know that it is not that well written, probably not good poetry but it is the best that I can do.

Thanks again for reprinting the story. I remember when as a child FAIRBANKS WAS MY TOWN, or at least I thought it was. I went wherever I wanted, visited all the old soundoughs, played in the fields where the wild flowers grew, and was what was considered a child of nature. No restrictions, freedom then such is not known today, and I.

Alcoholism

OURS ALONE

From our tortured soul comes compassion that is expressed through love.

Compassion that can be like the moon that glows bright at times, then ebbs with the tide, leaving us alone, depressed.

'Tis like the wine that tastes so sweet until drunk enough we laugh and cry, then like the sheep so tamely led, fall into drunken sleep.

Knowing not what we do until the morn, awakened by a fiery thirst our minds so dazed, our souls so torn;

Yet clamoring still for one more glass of spirits that shatter our future, disgrace our past.

At first we hope, perhaps some love, others turn to wine and shame.

But still the world gives us our choice of ills, or sacred dreams.

Until at last the choice is ours alone, to make, should we seek death, or live in abhorrent pain?

— ALIYA

was only three and four years old. Since John Lombard was so generous as to give me a subscription to the Tundra Times, am looking forward to reading more of your stories.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alice Corpuz

No Booze, No Gambling

Old Man's Camp
Pipeline, Alaska
October 16, 1974

Dear Editor:

Well Mr. Howard Rock, I'm disgusted with you and your Tundra Times. I haven't seen the last one yet and I'm peed off at you, but you're still my best friend.

Well, I'll be here six weeks tomorrow. This camp is bout the best living quarters I've been. Everything is up to date and everything is free. That's the best part of it. No booze, no gambling, but you name it — we have it.

There have been quite a few boys that know me from the villages and Fairbanks but some went on what they call R and R. If you work nine weeks straight then you get Rest and Recuperation for two weeks and then come back and go back to work. Well, I'm just over the hump — six weeks and three more to go, that's if I last that long.

I came here with only summer clothes and the wind blows 25 to 40 at times. That's rough without a parky.

Atty. Gen.'s Column— Consumer Protection

This weekly column is prepared by the Consumer Protection Service of the Alaska Attorney General's Office with the objective of helping prevent, through public information, unfair and deceptive acts and practices in trade and commerce

It is presented in the interests both of Alaskan consumers and the honest and reputable businesses serving them — which are, of course, the vast majority.

The column offers explanations of the obligations of consumers and businesses under state and federal laws, as well as guidelines for consumer transactions.

Reader comments and observations, as well as consumer complaints, may be mailed to the Consumer Protection Service, Office of the Attorney General, in Juneau, Fairbanks and Anchorage. The addresses are Pouch K, Juneau, Alaska 99801; 360 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; and P.O. Box 1309, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

*Norman C. Gorsuch
Attorney General*

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The longer I stay Uncle Sam is getting richer. He gets 468 dollars a week out of my check. I don't mind it too much only I don't like them Republicans in the Senate playing with my money because I call myself a Demo.

I would like to know how many people in the villages all over Alaska vote for the Republicans. It's about time they wake up and vote straight Democrat ticket right down the line. Anyway I don't vote anymore since they want me to register. Well anyway if I was voting, even though Hammond is my friend, I wouldn't vote for him. I'll vote for Egan, a Demo.

Wake up Howard and send the paper here. Thank you!

Fred Stickman, Sr.

P. S. John Lombard, Fresno California, thank you for the 10 spot for the radio telephone. If everyone could send me 10 spot like you, it would be nice. I'm on the North Slope oil deal making big money for Uncle Sam, but when I go home, that is if I do, I'll try to buy one. Then I suppose I have to have a license to talk over it. I'll see. Thank you Mr. Lombard and Lena Andree at Dillingham. Hope to see you some day. It's a slim chance as I am almost the end of my rope. Like they say, one foot in the grave. Good luck, best wishes from loving friend Fred Stickman, Sr. Good bless you.

Tentative Draft of Amendments To Children's Rules

Superior Court

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MOBILE HOMES

Since July 1, 1974, Alaska law requires that no mobile home be brought into this state, sold or offered for sale unless it complies with Alaska's mobile home standards.

Manufacturers of units for Alaska must submit their plans for mobile homes to the Department of Commerce for approval. There are stiff requirements to meet Alaska weather conditions.

Most mobile homes coming into the state are inspected by the Weights and Measures Division of the Department of Commerce. Before buying, look for a Division tag on that mobile home. That tag is the assurance that the home meets Alaska standards.

Purchasing a Mobile Home

A mobile home and the paperwork which usually accompanies its sale are complicated. The dealer may request the buyer to sign a purchase agreement. The buyer may wish to request that the written agreement include a statement that upon failure of financing arrangements, the deposit will be returned.

If a large downpayment is required, a second loan, in addition to the main financing, may be necessary. The purchase agreement should include this and any other conditions of the purchase. Verbal agreements are difficult to prove and may not be enforceable.

When it is necessary to borrow money to make the purchase, the dealer may aid in filling out a credit application. Include the actual selling price of the mobile

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