

# **TT makes no endorsement**

It may seem redundant to remind some of our readers that it is an important and vital concern to exercise their rights by voting in this bi-centennial year. After all though, Alaska Natives were not allowed to vote until the Citizenship Act of 1924.

In the past the Tundra Times has endorsed certain candidates and strongly supported issues. The paper has been politically active many times. This year we will not endorse any of the candidates for local, state or national offices. This does not mean we do not approve of some of their personal contributions, their abilities, their integrity or their platforms.

The Tundra Times will encourage all Alaskans to vote for one measure on the November 2 ballot. This is Bonding Proposition Number Two, the Rural School Bond. By voting for the bond you will provide funding for 21 regional educational attendance areas. The \$59.2 million bond will provide for construction and repair and upgrading for both elementary and secondary schools.

By voting for the bond you will allow thousands of students to remain with their families and homes. The advantages and opportunities toward local control has recently been recognized. By voting for the bond it may help realize and reaffirm the struggle in supporting the education of the rural Alaskans. The passage of the bond will be a milestone in communication, education and self-determination. It will also be a boost in the economic, social and academic development of the state. It is for those students affected that we must show our support, for they shall soon be the trustees of the future of the state.

—MJTR