



# KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

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OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH MAYOR

February 2, 2009

Representative Kyle Johansen  
State of Alaska  
State Capitol Room 204  
Juneau, Ak 99801-1182

Dear Honorable Rep. Johansen,

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough enthusiastically supports HB 100, extending the name of the Joe Williams Sr. Coastal Trail to cover the new section of the Coastal Trail from Saxman to Mountain Point.

It was through the tireless efforts of Mr. Williams and his son - longtime state legislator Bill Williams - that Ketchikan was able to receive the coastal trail as part of State DOT improvements along the South Tongass Highway. The trail not only provides a significant recreation opportunity but it also is a profound safety improvement for pedestrians as well as bicyclists on Ketchikan's South End. These were the goals of longtime Saxman Mayor Joe Williams Sr. and it is entirely appropriate to extend his name to the recently completed section of the trail that extends south beyond Saxman.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Kiffer', is written over a printed name and title.

Dave Kiffer  
Borough Mayor



February 3, 2009

Representative Kyle Johansen  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 13  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Rep. Johansen:

I am writing in support of HB 100, An Act Relating to the Joseph C. Williams, Sr., Coastal Trail.

My understanding is that the bill would assure that, like first portion of the coastal trail, the new extension to it is named after Joe. C. Williams, Sr. As you know, Mr. Williams was a Native and community leader in Saxman and Ketchikan for many years. There was broad support for naming the trail after him to recognize his contributions to our community. It makes a lot of sense to maintain this recognition for the extension as well.

I strongly support HB 100. Thank you for your efforts to honor Mr. Williams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Weinstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Weinstein  
Mayor

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE KYLE JOHANSEN  
MAJORITY LEADER

HB 100

*An Act relating to the Joseph C. Williams, Sr. Coastal Trail*

JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS, Sr.

Joseph C. Williams, Sr. was known as a caring and loving father, community leader, and tireless advocate for the people of Saxman.

Joe met Elizabeth in Wrangell, and they had five children: Johanna, Stella Marie, William, and Joe. After Elizabeth passed on, Joe married Dorothy, and they had three children: Dan, Charles, and Linda.

Joe served as the Mayor of Saxman for 38 years. During his long tenure, Joe advocated for many different projects that improved the quality of life for the people of Saxman, including a water dam, senior housing units, and the construction of a community hall. Joe utilized most of the building material to construct the community hall from recycled material from a building being torn down at the Coast Guard base in Ketchikan. He also advocated for his people's interests during the Indian Reorganization Act and represented them on the Tlingit and Haida Central Council.

It was always Joe's desire (with Elizabeth's influence) to have a safe walking path between Saxman to Ketchikan. Elizabeth was always concerned about children who walked from Saxman to Bugge's Beach. With the new extension of the Joe C. Williams Coastal Trail, people can walk on a safe, wide trail from Ketchikan to Mountain Point and enjoy the wonderful view of Ketchikan's coastline.