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Legislature of the State Of Alaska

Governor Bill Walker

Topic: Recognition of Linguistic Alaskan HCR19

Languages or Xaah kíł, (Haida Language)

I am very concerned about the State passing a bill to keep the Native tongue alive with all the Tribes. Please represent this to the state to pass without this, AK has no culture, it's what makes the state great in my heart. I am learning Haida on line with UAS Ketchikan. I have enjoyed it completely. Words I never could recognize I now have a meaning to go with how to pronounce the words. It needs to be pushed more into the school system if possible. There are so Many grants out there, not just having to rely solely on the State. We need the Legislator's help to push a Bill to move on teaching our young and old the value of this great language. The Old times Linguistic were White of different races that I have learned about in this online class, thanks to these men, women who have taking notes, writings to keep a record of the old languages. It's so important. Without Culture/Languages who are we as a State! Háw'aa, Thank you. Jim Brown

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.