



January 24, 2020

Representative Andi Story
State Capitol Room 403
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Story,

You introduced HB 193, a bill to add a second verse to Alaska's state song ("Alaska's Flag"), this legislative session and asked the University of Alaska (UA) Foundation, as holder of the copyright to both the original Alaska's Flag song and the proposed second verse of the song, for 1) a copy of the words to the second verse as copyrighted and 2) its non-objection to the addition of the second verse to Alaska's state song.

A copy of the words to the original sheet music and second verse, as copyrighted, are attached.

The UA Foundation is unaware of any effect on copyright ownership resulting from recognition of the work as the state song with the permission of the copyright holder, and unaware of any legal impediment to appending a verse with the permission of the affected copyright holder. Thus, the UA Foundation has no objection to recognizing Carol Beery Davis' verse as the second verse to Alaska's state song should a bill be enacted to this effect. This nonobjection is conditioned on an amendment to the bill as introduced; Section 2 of the bill should read:

Sec 2. AS44.09.040 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) Any copy of "Alaska's Flag" produced for public use must have the following attribution and notice: "copyright University of Alaska Foundation, non-commercial use permitted, all other rights reserved."

In order to protect the UA Foundation's copyright, no alterations can be made to the original text (e.g., punctuation changes).

Please let us know if you need any additional information or assistance. My point of contact for your staff is Matthew Paskin, mpaskin@alaska.edu, (907) 786-1169.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Behlke Foley".

Susan Behlke Foley
President, UA Foundation

Attachments:

1. Original Sheet Music to Alaska's Flag (copy)
2. Original Second Verse to Alaska's Flag (copy)

Alaska's Flag

Words by
MARIE DRAKE

Music by
ELINOR DUSENBURY

Marcia moderato

Marcia moderato

PIANO

rall.

Eight stars of gold on a

field of blue, A - LAS - KA'S FLAG, may it mean to you; The

blue of the sea, the eve - ning sky, The moun - tain lakes and the

flow'rs near - by; The gold of the ear - ly sour - doughs dreams, The

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pre - cious gold of the hills and streams; The bri - liant stars in the

north-ern sky, The "Bear," the "Dip - per," and shin - ing high, The

great North star with its stead - y light, O'er land and sea a bea - con bright, A -

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LAS-KA's FLAG to A - las - kans dear, The sim - ple flag of a last fron - tier.

mf *rall. molto*

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THE ALASKA FLAG (Second Verse)

A native lad chose our Dipper's stars
for Alaska's flag that there be no bars
among our cultures. Be it known
through years our natives' past has grown
to share our treasures, hand in hand,
to keep Alaska our Great Land.

We love the northern midnight sky,
our mountains, lakes and the streams nearby;
Our Great North Star with its steady light
will guide our cultures clear and bright
with Nature's flag to Alaskans dear -
The simple flag of a Last Frontier.