



March 3, 2016

Sent Via Electronic Mail
Senator Stoltze, Co-Chair
Senator Coghill, Co-Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: Doyon Support for SB 159/ HB 275 Indigenous Peoples Day

Dear Senator Stoltze and Senator Coghill:

This letter is a written statement of support for SB 159/HB 275, a bill to establish the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day. Doyon's mission is to enhance our position as a financially strong Native Corporation in order to promote the social and economic well-being of our shareholders, strengthen our Native way of life, and enhance our land and resources.

Doyon, Limited is the state-chartered Alaska Native Corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for Interior Alaska. Currently we have over 19,300 shareholders, most of whom live here in Alaska.

Doyon welcomed Governor Walker's proclamation designated October 12, 2015 as Indigenous Peoples Day, and we further would welcome an annual celebration which recognizes not only the history of Alaska Native people and Alaska's history, but also current contributions by Indigenous people to art, culture, policy, knowledge, traditions, and achievement.

Thank you for the work you do in the interest of Alaskans, and if you have any questions concerning this recommendation, please contact our office at (907) 459-2092.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Schutt
President and CEO
Doyon, Limited

Cc: Senate State Affairs Committee
Representative Bob Lynn, Chair of House State Affairs Committee