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State Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Rm. 3
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear State Affairs Committee,

The Mentasta Traditional Council is in support of “An Act Establishing May 31st of each year as Katie John Day”. In recognizing this Act it will honor an Ahtna Athabascan elder for her mentoring and advocacy in defense of Alaska Native customary and traditional hunting, fishing, and gathering rights. Katie John was the matriarch of our village and her family still live our customary and traditional culture that she has passed on to her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. The Mentasta Traditional Council would like to thank you for recognizing Katie John Day on May 31st in remembrance of Katie John and all she did for Alaska Natives and the State of Alaska.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emmanuel Baker', written in a cursive style.

First Chief
Emmanuel Baker