



# 31<sup>st</sup> ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### House Bill 126 Sponsor Statement

*“An Act Establishing November as Alaska Native Heritage Month”*

HB 126 permanently establishes November as Alaska Native Heritage Month. The purpose of this act is to celebrate and recognize the rich cultures of Alaska Natives throughout the State. Alaska Native people occupied this land, now known as Alaska, for thousands of years and well before statehood.

Alaska Native cultures, languages, and traditions significantly contribute to Alaska’s history, economy, and diverse identity. This legislation recognizes Alaska’s unique heritage, cultural appreciation and strengthens community relationships that brings together all Alaskans.

This act serves to formally acknowledge the many contributions, sacrifices, and resilience of Alaska Natives that every community, culture, and tradition in our state can celebrate.