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Letter in support of HB 122

Friends of Admiralty Island has long advocated for the protection of this Unangax cemetery, which this bill helps assure.

This essential protection is the first step in preserving the story of the forced and inhumane relocation to Funter Bay of the Pribilof residents of St. Paul and St. George during WWII.

Including the cemetery in the Funter Bay Marine Park, a key element of the bill provides a path for preserving on site the retelling of this tragic story. With passage of this bill the State Park system has the opportunity, even obligation to develop culturally appropriate educational material that honors the strength and sacrifices of the Unangax people.

Friends of Admiralty has pledged financial help to aid in the documentation and telling of this vital history.

Friends of Admiralty is a 501-c-3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the educational, scientific, cultural, and wilderness values of the Island. We were formed in 1997 and have some 350 members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K.J. Monteith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

For, Daniel Monteith

President, Friends of Admiralty

