

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

*Interim – May-December:*  
**1292 Sadler Way Rm. 323**  
**Fairbanks, AK 99701**  
**907-452-1088**



*Session – January-April:*  
**State Capitol Rm 513**  
**Juneau, AK 99801**  
**907-465-3004**

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### Sponsor Statement for HB 229

Serving our great nation is one of the most honorable and commendable acts that a person can undertake. Countless individuals have given their lives and paid the highest price for our liberty, and there can never be enough gratitude or recognition given to those who have lost life and limb in the line of duty.

The State of Alaska has one of the largest veteran populations per capita in the nation. Tens of thousands of Alaskans have served our nation's military to fight for values that make America, and Alaska, a beacon of freedom and prosperity that shines across the globe. This is why it is imperative for Alaska to expand our recognition and remembrance of the brave men and women who made undaunted the final sacrifice for our country.

Named after a hardy flower that grew on the scorched French battlefields in World War I, HB 229 establishes the Friday before Memorial Day of each year as Alaska Veterans' Poppy Day. The objective of this bill is to honor and promote the remembrance of Alaska's many veterans, current and former armed services members, and servicemembers who have fallen in the line of duty.

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