

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Requesting the United States Secretary of the Treasury to mint not less than 5,000,000**  
2 **\$1 coins honoring Elizabeth Peratrovich under the Native American \$1 Coin Act.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** Elizabeth Peratrovich, of the Tlingit Nation, was an important civil rights  
5 activist who fought for equality for Alaska Natives; and

6 **WHEREAS** Elizabeth Peratrovich advocated for the passage of the Alaska Territorial  
7 Legislature's Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945, the first anti-discrimination law in the United  
8 States; and

9 **WHEREAS** Elizabeth Peratrovich served as the Grand President of the Alaska Native  
10 Sisterhood; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1988, the Alaska State Legislature established February 16 of each  
12 year as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, the public gallery of the chambers of the House of  
14 Representatives formerly known as Gallery B was renamed in honor of Elizabeth Peratrovich;  
15 and

16 **WHEREAS** Elizabeth Peratrovich was named as a 2018 honoree of the National

1 Women's History Alliance; and

2         **WHEREAS**, in 2020, residents of the state will celebrate Elizabeth Peratrovich and  
3 the 75th anniversary of the Alaska Anti-Discrimination Act;

4         **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests that the United States  
5 Secretary of the Treasury, under the Native American \$1 Coin Act, mint not less than  
6 5,000,000 Elizabeth Peratrovich \$1 coins to be issued at face value and delivered to the  
7 Seattle branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco for distribution for deposit in  
8 banks throughout the State of Alaska; and be it

9         **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests that the United  
10 States Secretary of the Treasury carry out a continuing campaign to encourage commercial  
11 enterprises to accept and dispense Elizabeth Peratrovich \$1 coins.

12         **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President  
13 of the United States; the Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States and  
14 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of  
15 Representatives; and the Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin, United States Secretary of the  
16 Treasury.