

SENATE BILL NO. 196

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON

Introduced: 2/19/20

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to wearing or carrying tribal regalia and objects of cultural**
2 **significance at public events; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 18.80 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 18.80.257. Tribal regalia at public events.** (a) A state agency, a
6 municipality, the University of Alaska, or a school district may not prohibit an
7 individual from wearing tribal regalia or wearing or carrying objects of traditional
8 cultural significance at a public event.

9 (b) In this section,

10 (1) "public event" includes an award ceremony, a graduation
11 ceremony, a public meeting, or another event held or sponsored by a state agency, a
12 municipality, the University of Alaska, or a school district;

13 (2) "state agency" has the meaning given in AS 40.21.150;

14 (3) "tribal regalia" means clothing, accessories, and objects of cultural

1 significance worn or carried during traditional tribal ceremonies, celebrations, or
2 gatherings.

3 * **Sec. 2.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
4 read:

5 NOTIFICATION. The Department of Administration shall send either a written or
6 electronic copy of this Act to each federally recognized tribe in the state.

7 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).