

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 554

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing "Elizabeth Peratrovich Day" on
7 February 8 of each year."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS. In February 1945, Elizabeth Peratrovich, Grand
10 President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, appeared before the Alaska
11 Territorial Legislature in support of House Bill No. 14, the first legis-
12 lation introduced in Alaska to outlaw discrimination based on race. She
13 argued persuasively for enactment of the legislation, which passed the
14 territorial legislature on February 8 and was signed by Governor Gruening
15 on February 16, 1945. Because her birthday, July 4, is already a national
16 holiday, February 8 is an appropriate day on which to recognize the contri-
17 butions Elizabeth Peratrovich made to Alaska.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 Sec. 44.12.065. ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY. Elizabeth
20 Peratrovich Day is established on February 8 of each year to honor
21 Elizabeth Peratrovich in recognition of her courageous, unceasing
22 efforts to abolish discrimination in the state. Elizabeth Peratrovich
23 Day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises by civic
24 groups and the public.

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