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# Alaska State Legislature

## SENATE

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Juneau, Alaska 99811


### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 71

#### SPONSOR STATEMENT

SJR 71 would encourage Savoonga, Alaska and Sereniki, USSR to become sister cities.

The residents of Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island have very close cultural, ethnic, and social ties to the Yupik residents of Sereniki. The residents of Savoonga are totally in support of seeking sister city status with Sereniki, and I believe that they deserve legislative support for their efforts.

I urge support for SJR 71.

  
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Senator Jay Kerttula

A JOINT SAVOONGA RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

WHEREAS; the City of Sirenki, USSR has requested that the cities of Savoonga, Alaska, USA and the City of Sirenki, USSR become officially Sister Cities; and

WHEREAS; this request is to the benefit of promoting good relations between the Soviet Union and the United States; and

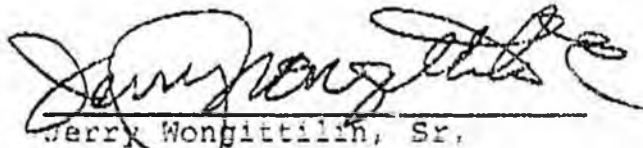
WHEREAS; the residents of both cities speak the same language, which is Siberian Yupik, and live a subsistence way of life; and

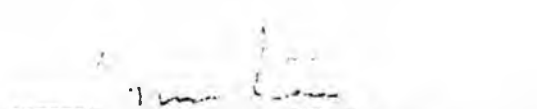
WHEREAS; both cities place great emphasis on traditional Native values, including honoring and learning from their elders, and passing them on to the younger generations; and

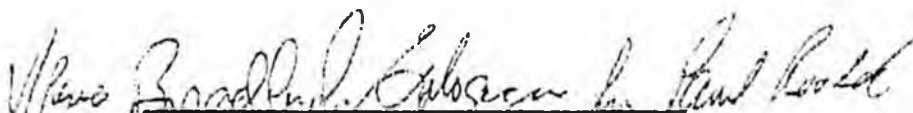
WHEREAS; Senator Kertulla has introduced a resolution to the Alaska State Legislature to encourage the two cities to become official sister cities in order to help them reestablish their communication and trade;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Savoonga, the Savoonga Native Corporation, and the Native Village of Savoonga that support is hereby given to Senate Joint Resolution No. 71.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

  
Jerry Wongittilin, Sr.  
Mayor of Savoonga

  
Truman Kava, President  
Native Village of Savoonga

  
Paul Rookck, Sr., President  
Savoonga Native Corporation

Resolution passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1990.

SAVOONGA NATIVE CORPORATION  
P.O. BOX 150  
SAVOONGA, ALASKA 99769

RESOLUTION 90-06  
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A CORPORATE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71 SPONSORED BY SENATOR KERTTULA.

WHEREAS, the Savoonga Native Corporation is charged with economic, physical & social well-being of its shareholders; and

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution # 71 encourages Savoonga, Alaska and Sereniki, U.S.S.R to be sister cities; and

WHEREAS, becoming sister cities would help the two cities reestablish communication and trade;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the shareholders at their 1990 Annual Meeting fully supports the passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 71 by the State Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors & the shareholders of the Savoonga Native Corporation on 10<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 1990.

Paul Sookok  
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Paul Sookok  
President

ATTEST:

for Samuel Mokiuk  
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Samuel Mokiuk  
Secretary

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February 28, 1990

Representative Richard F. Seester

Senator Al Adams  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Richard and Al:

The City of Savoonga would like to ask for the passage of the resolution by Senator Kerttula encouraging the Cities of USA Savoonga, Alaska and USSR Sereniki to be sister cities.

The people of Savoonga feel it is of great cultural importance that we reestablish and maintain communication with our Siberian Yupik relatives in Sereniki. It is especially important to the elders as they are the ones who have the knowledge in determining who is related to who and other matters of cultural and historical significance to both cities which they can pass on to the younger generations.

Please convey our request for passage of this resolution to Senator Kerttula and the Senate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jerry Wongittlin, Sr.  
Mayor of Savoonga

P.S. We wish to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Senator Kerttula for introducing this resolution.