

**HB**

**275**

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# Representative Harriet Drummond

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## Sponsor Statement

HB 275

### Indigenous Peoples Day, and Katie John Day

In 2015 Governor Walker proclaimed Indigenous Peoples Day as a one year observance. This bill establishes Indigenous Peoples Day as a yearly holiday that every Alaskan can be proud to celebrate. Indigenous people are an integral part of the spiritual, cultural, linguistic, scientific and historical fabric of the State of Alaska and the Americas at large. We as a state recognize the unique contributions of Indigenous people as a whole, and of individual Alaska Natives for their role in making the state what it is today.

Historically, Alaska Native people have weathered unfathomable violence, degradation and suffering, often at the hands of the federal and state governments—and in spite of these challenges, have emerged as key players in the State, and as leaders in many fields.

Alaska Native people have exercised agency in the development of the current systems of land management, traditional use of fish and game, and in the relationship between the State of Alaska, tribal, and federal governments. Leaders like Shgúndi William Paul, Kaaxgal.aat Elizabeth Peratrovich, Iggiagruk Willie Hensley and Dits'itnaan Katie John all worked within the legal system to establish a better and more just state for all Alaskans.

Alaska Native people have also contributed to the cultural life of Alaska. Through literature, both oral and written as well as in the visual arts, Alaska Native people have left an indelible mark on the state. Through this bill we recognize the contributions of the philosophers and teachers Angayuqaq Oscar Kawagley, the spiritual teacher Kaajaḡwtí Walter Sobeloff, the poet and scholar Keixwnéi Nora Marks Dauenhauer, the elders who have retained their languages, and passed on their culture, and the parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles who teach their children what it means to be an indigenous person.

This day of recognition also acknowledges the many artists, some whose names are unrecorded, whose work is used in ceremony and tribal custom—as well as respected and admired in world class museums and private collections.

HB 75 now includes a section that would establish May 31 of each year as Katie John Day. This recognition is long overdue, and would memorialize Katie John for her work as a champion of traditional use of fish and game, her efforts in the preservation of Athna language, and her role as a Matriarch in her Athabascan community.



# Representative Harriet Drummond

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## HB 275 Explanation of Changes Version A to Version W

House State affairs amended HB 275 to change the date of Indigenous Peoples Day from the second Monday in October to October 18<sup>th</sup>, Alaska Day.

The Alaska House of Representatives amended HB 275 on the floor to include a new section establishing May 31 of each year as Katie John Day.

## Daniel George

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**From:** Dick/Mary Bishop <dmbishop@ptialaska.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 8:16 AM  
**To:** Senate State Affairs  
**Cc:** 'Dick & Mary Bishop'  
**Subject:** HB275, Katie John Day

To: Senator Bill Stoltze, Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee and Committee Members

From: Dick Bishop, Fairbanks, AK 907-455-6151

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB275.

We appropriately observe Elizabeth Peratrovich Day every February. Mrs. Peratrovich eloquently advocated equal rights for Alaska Natives along with other Alaskans before the Territorial Legislature. The anti-discrimination bill passed.

HB275 proposes to establish not only recognition of Alaska's indigenous people, but of Katie John, a well-known and respected Ahtna elder.

Katie John became well-known as an advocate of the Federal rural subsistence priority. The Alaska Supreme Court in 1989 ruled that a rural priority, then in State law, was unconstitutional. One justice even wrote "This is an equal rights case and an easy one at that".

Fortunately, the Legislature consistently refused repeated efforts to amend the state's Constitution by incorporating a rural priority.

In contrast to Elizabeth Peratrovich's advocacy of equality among Alaskans, Katie John's image was used to advocate inequality among Alaskans, directly challenging Alaska's constitutional provisions for common use of, and equal access to, renewable resources.

I do not think it is right for the Alaska Legislature, which has a duty to uphold and respect the Constitution, to honor someone who, though well-intentioned, was nevertheless an important part of the effort to discriminate among Alaskans with regard to their right to use Alaska's natural resources. And that effort is ongoing.

I do think recognition of Alaska's indigenous people's pre-history, history, and contemporary contributions to Alaska and all its people is appropriate. But, like Elizabeth Peratrovich, I favor equal rights. The Alaska Legislature should also, and avoid tacit approval of inequality.

Please reject HB275.

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*Our Culture Unites Us; Our Land Sustains Us; Our People are Prosperous*

April 5, 2016

Senate State Affairs Committee

Attn: Senator Bill Stoltze, Chair  
Senator John Coghill, Vice-Chair  
Senator Huggins, Member  
Senator McGuire, Member  
Senator Wielechowski, Member

Dear Senate State Affairs Committee:

**Ahtna, Incorporated supports HB 275, establishing Katie John Day and Indigenous Peoples Day.**

Mrs. Katie John is a modern day civil rights hero recognized around the world. Born in 1915 and raised at Slana, Alaska (which is in the Ahtna Region), this brave Athabascan woman, single-handedly fought for the customary and traditional hunting & fishing rights of all Alaska Natives and stood her ground protesting conflicting state regulations *and* a *Governor* in order to gather her traditional foods and provide for her family. Katie was a practical, no nonsense provider for her family. Katie lived off of the land in order to survive. Katie John was fearless in her advocacy and determination that Alaska's Indigenous Peoples be able to hunt, fish, and gather foods integral to sustaining life and our culture. Katie John lived a long and prosperous life. She and her husband Fred raised 20 children. They were grandparents to 250+ grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Katie passed away at the age of 98 in Anchorage, Alaska on May 31, 2014.

Alaska is the traditional homeland of over 229 tribes; half of this country's tribes. Recognizing, celebrating and honoring Alaska Native peoples for the part they have played and continue to play in Alaska's development and progress is very appropriate. **Ahtna supports the creation of Indigenous Peoples Day.**

Please pass HB 275 with unanimous consent and recognize both days in honor of Alaska's Indigenous Peoples.

Tsin'aen,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Anderson".

Michelle Anderson  
President

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February 8, 2016

Senator Olson- Sponsor

Senator Coghill – State Affairs Committee Co Chair

Senator Stoltze – State Affairs Committee Co Chair

RE: Indigenous Peoples Day – SB 159

Dear Senate State Affairs Committee,

In 2015 both Governor Walker and Mayor Berkowitz (Anchorage) recognized the significance of Alaska Native people by proclaiming Indigenous Peoples Day in October. The Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) supports passage of Senate Bill 159, establishing the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day through legislative action, ensuring its continuation.

ANVCA appreciates the support and recognition of Alaska Native people. Past, present and future generations all contribute to the State of Alaska. Alaska Native people enhance the economy, culture, labor force, and knowledge for all residents. Thank you for the acknowledgement of our value. If I can be of further service, please contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keja Whiteman', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Keja Whiteman

Executive Director

Katie John Family  
c/o C. Nora David  
P.O. Box 6004  
Mentasta, AK. 99780

April 5, 2016

Senate State Affairs Committee  
Attn: Senator Bill Stolze, Chair  
Senator John Coghill, Vice-Chair  
Senator Huggins, Member  
Senator McGulre, Member  
Senator Wielechowski, Member

Dear Senate State Affairs Committee:

On behalf of Katie John family, we support HB 275, establishing Katie John Day and Indigenous Peoples Day. Katie John was born and raised at Siana, then married and moved to Mentasta where she raised her family of the land. Her advocacy to fight for her customary and traditional fishing rights and culture is an honor to be recognized by the State of Alaska. We, the Indigenous Peoples of Alaska would be honored to have a day recognized for the many first nation cultures in Alaska.

Katie John family supports HB 275 and ask that you pass it with unanimous consent and recognize both days in honor of the first people of Alaska. Thank you.

Sincerely,



C. Nora David  
Katie John Daughter




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April 4, 2016

Senator Bill Stolze  
State Capital Room 125  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Stolze,

Mentasta Traditional Council supports HB 275 the Indigenous People's Day and Katie John Day. We would very much like to see this pass. We are very proud of Katie John's fight for her subsistence way of life. This would be a great honor for her and our village.

Thank you  
  
Anita K. Adams,  
Acting Tribal Administrator



January 25, 2015

House State Affairs Committee  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HB 275 Indigenous Peoples Day

Dear Committee Members,

While we recognize that Christopher Columbus was among the first Europeans to land on the shores of the North American Continent, it is time for Alaska to eliminate Columbus Day and recognize the Indigenous Peoples of Alaska. The rich culture and Indigenous knowledge of Alaska Natives have been of great influence in Alaska and it is time to celebrate and recognize those cultures by establishing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) is a regional Native nonprofit founded in 1980. The institute's mission is to perpetuate and enhance the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian cultures of Southeast Alaska. Its goal is to promote cultural diversity and cross-cultural understanding. SHI has worked for over three decades to preserve and enhance the culture and language of Native Peoples. We have promoted the integration of culture and language into schools because of the benefits it provides to Native Students. We also believe that these efforts support cultural diversity that make Alaska a richer state.

Governor Walker started the movement toward establishing Indigenous Peoples Day in 2015, and I believe that we should make this change permanent. The past few years we have seen continued support of Alaska Native Heritage with the signing of HB 216 changing the State Language from English to include 20 Alaska Native Languages as official state languages and more initiatives to support Alaska Native education, language and culture.

The contributions by Alaska Natives to the State of Alaska have been significant and it is time we acknowledge and celebrate those contributions.

We respectfully urge you to adopt HB 275 establishing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosita Worl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Rosita Worl, Ph.D.  
President





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January 27, 2015

**SUBREGIONS**

**Upper Kuskokwin**

- McGrath*
- Medfra*
- Nikola*
- Takotna*

**Lower Yukon**

- Anvil*
- Grayling*
- Holy Cross*
- Shageluk*

**Upper Tanana**

- Dot Lake*
- Eagle*
- Healy Lake*
- Northway*
- Tanacross*
- Tetlin*
- Tok*

**Yukon Flats**

- Arctic Village*
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- Canyon Village*
- Chalkyitsik*
- Circle*
- Fort Yukon*
- Venetie*

**Yukon Koyukuk**

- Galena*
- Huslia*
- Kaltag*
- Koyukuk*
- Nulato*
- Ruby*

**Yukon Tanana**

- Alatna*
- Allakaket*
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- Hughes*
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- Minto*
- Nenana*
- Rampart*
- Stevens Village*
- Tanana*

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Support of HB 275 "Indigenous Peoples Day"

Tanana Chiefs Conference is a non-profit tribal health and social service consortium representing the tribal communities of interior Alaska. Tanana Chiefs was established over 100 years ago when the Native leaders of the time unified to address the needs of the tribes. In 1915, the federal representatives and newspapers were surprised of our chiefs' intelligence and diplomacy<sup>1</sup> as they advocated for the priorities of our people. One-hundred years later, as our cultures have proved resilient and our leaders and tribal members continue to contribute to the State of Alaska, it is important the State pursue a formal day to recognize the achievements of the Indigenous.

We believe this day should be the second-Monday of October in order to provide a learning opportunity for Alaskans and especially the youth to discuss the impacts of historical trauma and successes of Native people. Too often Alaskans fail to be educated on history or governance which prohibits advancement within our state.

Again, we appreciate the consideration of this bill. We believe the bill will create invaluable awareness and educational opportunities.

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE

Victor Joseph  
President and CEO

<sup>1</sup> Alaska Citizen (Fairbanks), July 12, 1915.



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## Katie John, who sued state, US over Native subsistence rights, dies

By MIKE DUNHAM

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Katie John near her fishwheel on the Copper River in Alaska in a 1994 file photo.  
ERIK HILL — Anchorage Daily News



- **Related Links:**
- Link1994 profile of Katie John
- **Related Stories:**
- UAF awards degree to Athabascan elder Katie John

Athabascan elder Katie John of Mentasta Lake, a powerful and effective advocate for subsistence rights, died early Friday at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. A statement from Ahtna Inc., the regional Native corporation of which she was a member, gave her age as 97.

John gained fame as the lead plaintiff in a series of lawsuits aimed at ensuring Alaska Native fishing and rights. Her legal actions polarized public opinion between those who believed she was entitled to take salmon from her traditional land, which the state had closed to fishing, and others arguing that such taking amounted to special treatment. The resulting court rulings led to major changes in how wildlife is allocated in Alaska.

The "Katie John Case" (actually several cases) involved a traditional fish camp, Batzulnetas, now part of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. John had grown up near that spot. Fishing was closed there in 1964. Twenty years later, John and another elder, Doris Charles, petitioned the state to allow them to fish there. When they were denied, the Colorado-based Native American Rights Fund took up their cause.

Robert Anderson, now a professor of law and director of the Native American Law Center at the University of Washington, represented the pair. He recalled being impressed by the force of John's personality.

"She had an innate leadership quality that affected everybody around her," he said. "She was inspirational to work for."

NARF sued the state to reopen Batzulnetas to fishing in 1985. A federal court agreed, and, in time, the federal government took over management of game on federal lands in Alaska. Those regulations, however, excluded fishing.

A new suit was brought, this time against the U.S. secretaries of interior and agriculture. In 1994, a federal judge ruled that Washington, not the state, had authority over both public land and navigable waters in Alaska.

A federal appeals court upheld John's claim. Appeals for reconsideration were made and dismissed until 2001, when a final opportunity to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court came to the desk of then-Gov. Tony Knowles.

While weighing his options, Knowles visited John at Batzulnetas. Among those present was Heather Kendall-Miller, now senior staff attorney with NARF's Anchorage office.

"Her strength was apparent as she described how she had raised and fed 20 children (including 6 adopted children) by the generations-old customary and traditional subsistence practices that she had learned from her parents," Kendall-Miller wrote. "She was determined that her children and grandchildren would carry on those practices as well."

"I learned more that day than is written in all the boxes of legal briefs in this long lasting court battle," Knowles later said.

On Aug. 27, he called John to say the state would not pursue the appeal.

"We must stop a losing legal strategy that threatens to make a permanent divide among Alaskans," he said at the time. "I cannot continue to oppose in court what I know in my heart to be right."

Legalities were far from over, however. In 2005, NARF again represented John challenging the federal agencies' implementation of previous rulings as too limited. The matter again went to the Ninth Circuit Court. A decision is still pending.

Doris Charles died in 2002.

With news of John's passing, tributes quickly accumulated.

"She was known and respected throughout Alaska and the world," said Ahtna President Michelle Anderson in a press release. "She lived what she believed. If not for Katie John and her fighter spirit, we would not have the subsistence rights we are still fighting to retain today."

"She was unafraid to challenge any bureaucrat standing between her Native people and their opportunity to fish, whether that was a State of Alaska ... or a National Park Ranger," wrote Sen. Lisa Murkowski, who described John as "a piece of Alaska's soul."

John's granddaughter, Kathryn Martin, said her legacy was teaching "honesty, trust, love and forgiveness" to her family: "Her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren are the reason she fought for her fishing rights, to make sure her family would have a way to feed themselves forever."

Anderson recalled her bright sense of humor. He told of hiking into Batzulnetas with John shortly after taking her case. He was a young and obviously unarmed city lawyer, not quite knowing what to expect in the wilderness where the tenacious older woman was leading him.

"There was a huge bear track in the middle of the trail," he said. "She looked at me and said, 'Big bear track. You got a gun?'"

He might have been scared at that moment but he saw the twinkle in her eye and they both laughed.

"She was a cool person," he said. "She's an appropriate centerpiece for the Native subsistence movement to protect hunting and fishing rights."

Ahtna officials said John was born and raised in Slana and Batzulnetas to Chief Charley (also called Sanford Charley) and Sarah Sanford. She married Mentasta Traditional Chief Fred John Sr. when she was 16. At the time of her death, she counted more than 250 descendants. Passionate about preserving Athabascan culture and language, she helped create the alphabet for the Ahtna dialect. She received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2011.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Those seeking additional details or wishing to make a donation should contact Kathryn Martin at 907-360-7476 or at [kmartin@ahtna-inc.com](mailto:kmartin@ahtna-inc.com).

A detailed chronology of Katie John's legal battles and photos are posted at the Native American Rights Fund website.

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**ALASKA FEDERATION  
OF NATIVES**

December 20, 2013

Governor Sean Parnell  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell:

As you know, we lost a much respected elder last spring when Katie John passed away. Katie lived a traditional lifestyle and fought for decades to be able to pass that way of life on to her children and grandchildren. Preserving our cultures and access to food is extremely important to Alaska's Native people. When Katie was told that she couldn't live the lifestyle she grew up living, she became the lead plaintiff in a series of lawsuits that wound through the state and federal court systems. Sadly, that fight continues even though she has passed on.

At our annual convention in October, The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) not only honored her throughout the convention, we passed a resolution requesting the State of Alaska to declare May 31 to be "Katie John Day." The resolution is attached for your reference.

As she is an important Alaska Native leader, we hope you will take this request to heart. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julie Kitka  
President

cc: Alaska Federation of Natives Board of Directors  
State of Alaska House Leadership  
State of Alaska Senate Leadership  
Rep. Bryce Edgmon, Bush Caucus



Alaska Federation of Natives  
2013 Annual Convention  
Resolution 13-1

- TITLE:** HONORING KATIE JOHN & NAMING MAY 31 AS "KATIE JOHN DAY"
- WHEREAS:** The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska and its membership includes 118 federally-recognized tribes, 133 village corporations, 13 regional corporations, and 11 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and run federal and state programs; and
- WHEREAS:** The mission of AFN is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic, and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community; and
- WHEREAS:** Katie John, a respected and cherished Ahtna Elder, passed away on Friday, May 31, 2013; and
- WHEREAS:** Katie John was the champion, the leader, and the lead plaintiff in a long and tenuous legal battle addressing Native subsistence fishing rights; and
- WHEREAS:** the lawsuit endured by Katie John was filed after the State of Alaska refused her and Doris Charles, access to a long-abandoned fish camp in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve; and
- WHEREAS:** Katie John fought not only to maintain her family's fish camp, but to pass her traditional way of life and practices to her children and grandchildren; and
- WHEREAS:** Katie John endured a decade long battle through the state and federal court systems, fighting for the subsistence hunting and fishing rights of all Alaska Natives; and
- WHEREAS:** her fight culminated in a 2001 Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling stating that the subsistence fisheries protections provided under Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) did in fact extend to all navigable waters in which the federal government owned reserved water rights, effectively allowing subsistence fishing to continue unrestricted in those areas; and
- WHEREAS:** without her persistence and unwillingness to concede, Alaska Natives as a whole would not be able to practice and enjoy traditional lifestyles, passing the ways of Native people on to the next generations, and ensuring traditional culture and heritage practices are never forgotten; and

**WHEREAS:** in recognition of her fighter spirit and courageous battle, the University of Alaska Fairbanks decreed Katie John with an honorary doctorate of law degree during the 2011 spring commencement ceremony, to be forever revered as Dr. Katie John.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the delegates to the 2013 Annual Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. honors Katie John for her lifetime of accomplishments and her contributions to Alaska Native peoples

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that AFN requests the State of Alaska to declare May 31 Katie John Day as this is the day the State of Alaska allows Alaska Native people to put their fishwheels in the water.

<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	<b>ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>
<b>COMMITTEE ACTION:</b>	<b>DO PASS</b>
<b>CONVENTION ACTION:</b>	<b>PASS</b>





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March 3, 2016

Sent Via Electronic Mail

Senator Stoltze, Co-Chair  
Senator Coghill, Co-Chair  
Senate State Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: Doyon Support for SB 159/ HB 275 Indigenous Peoples Day

Dear Senator Stoltze and Senator Coghill:

This letter is a written statement of support for SB 159/HB 275, a bill to establish the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day. Doyon's mission is to enhance our position as a financially strong Native Corporation in order to promote the social and economic well-being of our shareholders, strengthen our Native way of life, and enhance our land and resources.

Doyon, Limited is the state-chartered Alaska Native Corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for Interior Alaska. Currently we have over 19,300 shareholders, most of whom live here in Alaska.

Doyon welcomed Governor Walker's proclamation designated October 12, 2015 as Indigenous Peoples Day, and we further would welcome an annual celebration which recognizes not only the history of Alaska Native people and Alaska's history, but also current contributions by Indigenous people to art, culture, policy, knowledge, traditions, and achievement.

Thank you for the work you do in the interest of Alaskans, and if you have any questions concerning this recommendation, please contact our office at (907) 459-2092.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Schutt  
President and CEO  
Doyon, Limited

Cc: Senate State Affairs Committee  
Representative Bob Lynn, Chair of House State Affairs Committee



# Municipality of Anchorage

Office of the Mayor

Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor

February 5, 2016

House State Affairs Committee  
Attn: Representative Lynn  
c/o Representative Drummond  
State Capitol, Room 112  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chair Lynn,

As Mayor of Anchorage, I support Representative Drummond's effort to create an Indigenous Peoples Day as an annual day of honor for Alaska's first peoples. My administration is proud to have designated October 12, 2015, as Indigenous Peoples Day, and we appreciate that Representative Drummond is endeavoring to make that an annual tradition on the state level.

As Alaska's "biggest village," with more than 23,000 Native Alaskans calling Anchorage home, the Municipality of Anchorage recognizes the important role that Alaska Native communities and traditions have in our city's identity.

Representative Drummond's Indigenous Peoples Day legislation will encourage all Alaskans to support this annual celebration and remind all of us about the strength of Alaska's roots, and the values to guide us towards our future.

Sincerely,

Ethan Berkowitz  
Mayor

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSHB 275(STA)
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(H) Publish Date:	3/23/2016

Identifier: HB275-DOA-DGS-02-05-16  
 Title: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY  
 Sponsor: DRUMMOND  
 Requester: House State Affairs

Department: Department of Administration  
 Appropriation: General Services  
 Allocation: Facilities  
 OMB Component Number: 2429

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version.
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Prepared By:	Tom Mayer, Director	Phone:	(907)465-5677
Division:	General Services	Date:	02/05/2016 03:00 PM
Approved By:	Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner	Date:	02/05/16
Agency:	Department of Administration		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**Analysis**

This bill establishes the second Monday of October each year to honor indigenous people. The Department of Administration, Division of General Services does not anticipate any fiscal impact from the proposed legislation.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSHB 275(STA)
Fiscal Note Number:	2
(H) Publish Date:	3/23/2016

Identifier: HB275-LEG-SESS-02-05-16  
 Title: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY  
 Sponsor: DRUMMOND  
 Requester: House State Affairs

Department:  
 Appropriation:  
 Allocation:  
 OMB Component Number: 0

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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Personal Services								
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<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Initial Version. One Page. Zero Note.
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