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During the 31<sup>st</sup> Legislature, I introduced SB86 and HB126 was the companion bill sponsored by Representative Zulkosky. HB126 passed both the House and Senate and on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, a bill was signed into law that designated November as Alaska Native Heritage Month.

November is a time to celebrate the diverse and rich histories of Alaska's Native cultures. The first Native American Day, according to Census data, was declared by the Governor of New York in 1916 but wasn't recognized nationally until 1990 when President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month. Please educate yourselves and one another about the cultures of our Native community.

## Time to Vote

Early voting has begun as of October 24<sup>th</sup>. If you're looking to vote absentee (early voting), you can vote at 2525 Gambell Street during the week from 8am-5:00 pm., Saturday from 10am–4pm, and Sunday from 12pm-4pm. The General Election is on November 8<sup>th</sup> and polls are open from 7am-8pm. If you would like more information, please visit www.elections.alaska.gov.

## **Legislative Priorities**

Currently, my office is working on compiling my priorities for 2023. If I am re-elected, I'd like to continue the very important work I started during the 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Legislatures. I intend to revisit public safety, women's rights, education, cultural and healthcare. In addition to re-introducing some bills, I will be introducing new legislation. More information regarding my priorities will addressed during my December Community Council meetings.

Always representing your interests!

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