

Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes
Spenard Community Council
December 7, 2022

- The election is over, the final numbers are in, and I'm honored to be re-elected to the Alaska State Senate to continue representing the people of District G and Alaska. Public service is my passion, and it's an honor to be able to continue my journey after so many years working for you. I look forward to being sworn-in on January 17th.
- The 33rd Legislative Session will be the best. The best because Democrats and Republicans in the Senate have listened to you and have committed to working together to get things done. As you know by now, we will have a Bi-partisan Senate Majority with nine Democrats and eight Republicans. I'm also honored that I will be part of the Leadership Team chairing the Legislative Council Committee. I will also continue to be a member of the Labor and Commerce, and Community and Regional Affairs Committees. In addition, I anticipate being on the Labor and Workforce Development, Health, and Commerce, Community and Regional Affairs Finance Sub-Committees.
- The Senate Majority will focus on lowering Alaska's high energy costs, improving education, and revitalizing Alaska's economy.
- My priorities will be ***establishing a comprehensive and sustainable fiscal plan, public safety, infrastructure*** and, of course, a focus on ***Education*** and doing the right thing for our children.
- Below are bills that I introduced during the 31st and 32nd Legislatures that I will pre-file to be introduced during the 33rd Legislature which begins on January 17th.
 - Chokehold Ban
 - Use of Force Registry
 - Mental Health in Schools
 - Home and Community Based Waivers

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- Juneteenth Paid Holiday

- New Legislation
 - Poll Worker Pay Increase
 - Charitable Healthcare
 - Dementia Month
 - Officer Certification through Training to include de-escalation and cultural training
 - Charitable Healthcare

- December is HIV/AIDS Awareness Month. December 1st was World AIDS Day and the theme per HIV.gov is “Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV.” In 1988 World AIDS Day was first observed to unite and help end HIV as well as remember those lost to HIV/AIDS related illnesses.

- December is also Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), and this hits home because in Alaska our hours of daylight are limited, and we see the increase of SAD. Alaska sees 10% of its population affected by SAD. It is important to keep an active routine, practice self-care, and don't hesitate to ask for help or talk about the issues from SAD.

Happy Holidays!!

Always representing your interests!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elvi Gray-Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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