

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
to Declare June 28th as Amy Hallingstad Day**

WHEREAS, Amy Hallingstad was a courageous and visionary leader whose lifelong dedication advanced civil rights, social justice, and equality for Alaska Native peoples; and

WHEREAS, she fought tirelessly to desegregate schools and public facilities in Alaska, ensuring Native children could attend public schools and receive equal education; and

WHEREAS, Amy Hallingstad advocated vigorously for equal pay for women, improved healthcare for Alaska Natives, and fair employment practices in canneries and other industries; and

WHEREAS, she courageously removed discriminatory signs such as "No Natives Allowed" and organized boycotts to challenge segregation and discrimination; and

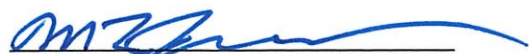
WHEREAS, as a leader of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, serving multiple terms as Grand President, she was a vital bridge between Native communities and policymakers, influencing key reforms and land claims movements; and

WHEREAS, her sharp wit, unwavering self-assurance, and steadfast commitment earned her the honorary title "First Lady for the First People," inspiring generations to continue the fight for justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, Amy Hallingstad's legacy of advocacy, courage, and leadership remains a beacon of hope and empowerment for Alaska Native peoples and all who value human rights;

THEREFORE, I, Mark Jensen, Mayor of the Petersburg Borough, on behalf of our community, do hereby honor and express our deepest appreciation for Amy Hallingstad's enduring contributions to civil rights, Native sovereignty, and social justice in Alaska. In recognition of her profound impact as a civil rights pioneer and advocate for Alaska Native peoples, I hereby declare that June 28th will be observed annually as Amy Hallingstad Day.

Proclaimed this 19th day of May 2025


Mark Jensen, Mayor

