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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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**ALASKAN. NATIVE. WOMAN. ACTIVIST.  
Alaska State Museum Honors Alaska Native Civil Rights Activist  
Elizabeth Peratrovich with Exhibit**

JUNEAU – What started as one Alaska Native woman’s crusade for equal housing and access to public facilities in Juneau in the 1940s Juneau ultimately led to the very first anti-discrimination law in the United States. The woman was Elizabeth Peratrovich, who some have dubbed “Alaska’s Rosa Parks.”

Beginning on First Friday, February 1, 2013, the Alaska State Museum presents “Alaskan. Native. Woman. Activist;” an exhibit commemorating Elizabeth Peratrovich’s groundbreaking civil rights advocacy, which culminated with her impassioned speech before the Alaska territorial senate, largely credited with the territory’s Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945. “Alaskan. Native. Woman. Activist.” will be on display through March 16, 2013.

At 1:30 p.m. on February 16, the Alaska State Museum celebrates Elizabeth Peratrovich Day with a presentation by Barbara Cadiente-Nelson, followed by a special screening of the “For the Rights of All: Ending Jim Crow in Alaska,” a documentary by Jeffry Lloyd Silverman.

Cadiente-Nelson is a board member of Sealaska and of the Douglas Indian Association as well as a member of the Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 2.

Production of the film, “For the Rights of All, was made possible in part by Native American Public Telecommunications, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Rasmuson Foundation.

Winter hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs by contacting Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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