



Petersburg Camp 16, P.O. Box 1128 Petersburg Alaska 99833



January 8, 2014

Dear Borough Assembly Members,

October 2014 The Alaska native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood will be holding the annual Grand Camp in Petersburg. The last Grand Camp to be held in our community was in 1970; Amy Hallingstad was ANS Grand President.

Dates for this Grand Camp are October 8,9,10 and 11<sup>th</sup>. Events begin with registration on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> and ends with a Grand Ball on Saturday evening.

Grand Camp brings together delegates from member communities from Oregon to Anchorage. It is anticipated that with Petersburg being a central location that over 300 delegates, alternates, presenters, and elders will be in attendance. This year is also an election year which also brings a wide variety of politicians seeking the Native vote. The business of Grand Camp is to address issues that better the lives of native People and their families, address civil and land rights, share cultural knowledge, wisdom and artistic beauty of Native Tribes. Work together. Make a Difference.

As you are aware, an event of this magnitude requires meeting spaces, lodging, and meals. There would be the opportunity for local organizations to host fund-raising lunches and dinners. With the influx of such a large number of people there would be economic potential for local businesses.

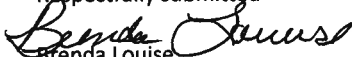
Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Petersburg Camp 16 is requesting the Borough of Petersburg Assembly to donate meeting space at the community gym where we could host the meetings of the General Grand Camp Gathering, space for committee meetings and permission to place vendor tables in the foyer. All of the daytime and evening events will be open to the public.

Delegates will need access to wifi and public address system, making the community gym an ideal location. We plan to work with all B&B's hotels, PIA and the USFS to help house delegates, work with schools to have students attend convention business, we also plan to coordinate with local businesses for advertising and for discount coupons to encourage local shopping and use of local services. We will be publishing a community book with our agenda, not only will this give local businesses a place to advertise but hope to partner with Chamber of Commerce in providing welcome material that highlight what our community has to offer our guests.

The coordination and preparation for the event will take many hands and many hours to pull together, but we hope to showcase Petersburg and its long rich Native cultural heritage and prestigious Little Norway. An event of this size at PFD time will undoubtedly create an economic boost that will benefit our entire community.

We ask for your support in making this a truly exceptional and worthwhile event. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted

  
Brenda Louise  
ANS Camp 16 President  
ANS Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

  
Ross Nannauck III  
ANB Camp 16 President