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Short Title: ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD DAY

Summary:

- Designates October 18 of each year as Alaska Territorial Guard Day.

Benefits:

- Demonstrates Alaska's gratitude to the 6,500 men and women that served in the guard.
- Provides communities and civic groups the opportunity to honor ATG members with observances and ceremonies.

Background:

- The Alaska Territorial Guard was created in 1942 after the outbreak of World War II. Its 6,500 members were primarily Alaska Native and were invaluable as scouts and guides protecting Alaska's coastline from further Japanese attacks. On October 18, 2004 the U.S. Army recognized ATG members as veterans and made them eligible for veterans benefits. Alaska Territorial Guard Day provides all Alaskans the opportunity to honor ATG members for the patriotism and sense of duty they displayed during World War II.