Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Voting is one of our most cherished constitutional rights, and as we continue to face challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to make it easier for Alaskans to exercise that right. In our country, we should not have to choose between our right to vote and our right to stay healthy.

Alaska has maintained safe and secure absentee voting procedures since statehood. Many citizens prefer casting their ballots from home. In Anchorage, we have seen increased voter participation in our vote-by-mail municipal elections. With the public health concerns related to COVID-19, many Alaskans may prefer to vote without going to their local polling place.

We encourage anyone who wants to vote by absentee ballot to request the ballot early to make sure we avoid some of the problems experienced in other states. In this newsletter, you’ll find an Absentee Ballot Application with instructions. All you need is an envelope and a stamp. You can also request an absentee ballot on the Division of Elections website.

I also want to highlight some major accomplishments of the 31st Alaska Legislature from our sessions in 2019 and 2020. We passed the budget before the end of the regular session in both years. And in 2020, we passed the budget on the 69th legislative day—record time.

HB 96: Pioneer Home Rates

The legislature approved a bipartisan bill, House Bill 96, that requires a moderate approach to raising Pioneer Home rates. HB 96 raises rates to account for inflation since 2004 and limits increases in the future to the rate of inflation. It reverses extreme rate hikes imposed by the governor in 2019. HB 96 ensures measured, predictable rate increases moving forward.

HB 29: Insurance Coverage for Telehealth

Both the House and Senate recognized the need for insurance plans regulated by the State of Alaska to provide coverage for telehealth services and passed HB 29. Healthcare services are currently being delivered through telehealth all over the country, and Alaska is at the forefront of providing telehealth services for urban, rural, aging, and underserved communities across the state. Telehealth can help Alaska improve access to healthcare, improve clinical outcomes, and reduce health care costs.
Save a stamp! Fill out your Absentee Ballot Application online:

http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingbymail.php

HB 308: Unemployment Benefits for COVID-19
HB 308 provides retroactive unemployment insurance for Alaskan workers hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic. It allows Alaskans who are unable to work, or who are underemployed because of public health measures, to become eligible for unemployment benefits and help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

House Bill 12: Protective Orders
In Whalen v. Whalen (2018), the Alaska Supreme Court ruled that victims of domestic violence could not extend or renew an existing protective order based on the same incident of violence as the original order. HB 12 allows victims to request an extension of a protective order for an incident of domestic violence if the victim remains in fear of their perpetrator—an important tool for victims and victim advocates.

House Bill 124: Electronic Documents & Notarizations
HB 124 establishes a secure process for remote online notarization to facilitate commercial transactions throughout Alaska. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for remote online notarization of documents to strengthen Alaska’s economy in the months ahead. The bill makes sure Alaska is ready and open for business as we move out of the coronavirus pandemic.

Senate Bill 120: Alternative to Arrest/Crisis Centers/Medication
SB 120 allows the creation of crisis stabilization centers in Alaska—a much-needed intermediate treatment option for those suffering from mental health or substance abuse crises. Crisis stabilization centers are open 24/7, staffed by mental health professionals, and designed to provide prompt mental health evaluation and stabilization. SB 120 authorizes the Department of Health and Social Services to permit and license these centers.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to hear from you. Please feel free to contact my office. Sincerely,
Alaska Absentee Ballot Application – For Federal and State Elections

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<td>Are you 18 years of age or within 90 days of your 18th birthday? ☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Check your status and how you want your ballot sent.</td>
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<td>☐ Or, I am residing temporarily or permanently overseas and intend to return to Alaska.</td>
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<td>☐ Mail – Complete box 13 ☐ Online – Provide email in box 14 ☐ Fax – Provide fax in box 14</td>
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<td>Primary ballot option</td>
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<td>The political affiliation that you are registered with 30 days before an election determines your primary ballot option.</td>
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<td>Select ONLY ONE</td>
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<td>In remote Alaska or overseas?</td>
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<td>☐ Yes, I will be in remote Alaska or overseas where mail service is limited. If yes, a 45-day advance ballot will be mailed to you.</td>
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<td>Certificate Read and Sign</td>
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<td>I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that: The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, I am not requesting a ballot from any other state, and I am not voting in any other manner in this (these) election(s). I further certify that I am an Alaska resident and that I have not been convicted of a felony, or having been so convicted, have been unconditionally discharged from incarceration, probation and/or parole. I am not registered to vote in another state, or I have taken the necessary steps to cancel that registration. WARNING: If you provide false information on this application you can be convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor. (AS 15.56.040; AS 15.56.050)</td>
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<td>Your signature must be handwritten. A typed or digital signature is not valid.</td>
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*Items are kept confidential by the Division of Elections and are not available for public inspection except that confidential addresses may be released to government agencies or during election processes as set out in state law.

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Alaska Absentee Ballot Application
For State and Federal Elections

Apply for a federal and state absentee ballot
Use this form at the same time to:
- Request an absentee ballot.
- Register to vote.
- Change your registration information.

To register you must be
- A United States citizen.
- A resident of Alaska.
- 18 years of age or within 90 days of your 18th birthday.
- When registering to vote, your identity must be verified. Submit a copy of your current driver’s license, state ID, passport, birth certificate, hunting and fishing license or current and valid photo ID with your application.

Ballots will NOT be forwarded
- Provide a permanent mailing address.
- Provide a ballot mailing address where you will receive mail. If you do not provide a ballot mailing address, your ballot will be sent to your permanent mailing address.

Identifiers and contact
- You MUST provide ONE identifier and your birthdate.
- Provide a contact telephone number and/or email information. If there is a problem with your application, we will contact you.

Political parties

**Recognized Political Parties** are parties who have gained recognized political party status under Alaska statutes: Alaska Democratic Party, Alaska Republican Party and Alaskan Independence Party


**Other Political Affiliations:** Nonpartisan (not affiliated with a political party or group) or Undeclared (do not wish to declare a political party or group)

Alaska residence address
- Provide an Alaska residence address. Your application will be denied if you provide an out-of-state address, PO Box, HC number and box, rural route, commercial address, mail stop address, etc.

Temporarily out-of-state and intent to return?
- You may maintain your Alaska residence address as the address you lived at prior to leaving Alaska or where you are currently registered in Alaska. **Active military members and spouses, you are exempt from the intent to return to Alaska requirement.**

Military or overseas?
- When requesting a by-fax or online delivery ballot, your application must be received by 5:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time the day prior to a primary, general or statewide election.
- Be sure to provide your fax number or email address when requesting a fax or online delivery ballot.
- Overseas citizens, if you do not intend to return to Alaska and wish to participate in federal elections, please contact our office listed under ‘Questions?’ to receive the correct application.

Deadlines
- Already registered? Your application must be received 10 days before an election.
- Registering to vote? To vote in an election, your application must be postmarked or received 30 days prior to an election, except in a presidential election.
- In a presidential election, you may register and vote the presidential race so long as your request for a by-mail ballot is received 10 days prior to the election.

Submit your application
- Mail your application: Division of Elections Absentee and Petition Office 2525 Gambell Street, Suite 105 Anchorage AK 99503-2838
- Fax your application: 907-677-9943 855-677-9943 (toll free in U.S.)
- Email your application: akabsentee@alaska.gov

Questions?
- Call us: 907-270-2700 877-375-6508 (toll free in U.S.)
- Email us: akabsentee@alaska.gov
- Visit our website: elections.alaska.gov

Primary election
To vote in a primary election, you must select a ballot option. The political affiliation you are registered with 30 days before the election determines your option. If you are registered nonpartisan or undeclared and do not select an option, your application will not be processed for the primary election.

- Any registered voter may choose the Alaska Democratic Party, Alaskan Independence Party candidates and ballot measure(s) option or the ballot measures only ballot (no candidates) option.
- Only voters registered Republican, Nonpartisan or Undeclared may choose the Alaska Republican Party candidates and ballot measure(s) option.

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