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Governor Appoints Anna Winters to Pioneers' Home Board

Senator Stedman praises appointment of Sitka Seniors Advocate

(Sitka)—Today, Sen. Bert Stedman (R-Sitka) applauded Governor Murkowski's appointment of Anna Winters to the Alaska Pioneers' Home Advisory Board. "Anna's experience and enthusiasm will make her a great advocate for Alaska's seniors," Senator Stedman said. "I was proud to recommend her to the Governor for this appointment."

Governor Frank Murkowski recently named Anna Winters of Sitka to a four-year term on the statewide board. Ms. Winters, director of the Swan Lake Senior Center, has been an advocate for Alaska's seniors for decades. She has over 30 years experience working directly with elders on a personal level and over 10 years experience as a professional.

"I have always been a huge supporter of our Pioneers' Homes, and not simply because I'm the only legislator with two in my district," Senator Stedman said. "Alaska's seniors and pioneers are our most honored citizens. We owe it to them to provide the best facilities we can."

Ms. Winters will be joining Sherri Slick and Board Chairman Ed Zastrow, both of Ketchikan, on the nine-member board. The board conducts annual inspections of the six Pioneers' Homes, reviews the division's procedures and recommends changes and improvements to the Governor. The Homes, in Anchorage, Palmer, Fairbanks, Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan, provide housing for more than 500 of Alaska's elders.

Sen. Stedman represents Senate District A, which includes the Southeast communities of Ketchikan, Sitka, Wrangell and Petersburg.