

**SENATE BILL NO. 144**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATOR BISHOP**

**Introduced: 1/21/20**

**Referred: Prefiled**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act establishing June 7 of each year as Walter Harper Day."**

2    **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3        \* **Section 1.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4               **Sec. 44.12.061. Walter Harper Day.** Walter Harper Day is established on  
5       June 7 of each year to honor Walter Harper, who in 1913 became the first person to  
6       summit Denali, for his superb subsistence skills, his integrity, his strong sense of  
7       identity and purpose, and his ability to navigate comfortably in both the Athabascan  
8       culture and other cultures of the United States. Walter Harper Day may be observed by  
9       suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public.