

The Declaration of Independence states that all men are created equal, with rights to Life, Liberty, and Happiness. “All men” means every person, no matter their skin color, race, religion, or culture. Alaskans are diverse people, from the Alaska Natives who lived here first to people from around the world who call Alaska home today, but everyone has the same rights to a peaceful life, freedom, and happiness. Our courts protect those rights when they weigh cases on scales of fairness and justice for *all*.

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