We Are Alaskans

Alaska’s great strength is its diversity of people. We strive to build mutual understanding and appreciation among the many different cultures of the people of our state. Alaska Common Ground has been building bridges of understanding by producing television Public Service Announcements (PSAs). The first one featured the East High School Swing Chorus singing “Change of Heart.” The song and singers projected the varied faces of Alaska and the importance of mutual respect.

The second PSA was produced in cooperation with Bridge Builders and featured the nine students of differing ethnic backgrounds citing sections of the Bridge Builders pledge in front of the Alaska flag. It finishes with Bethel elder, John Acton saying, “We are all Alaskans.”

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