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Mountain Named after Late Commissioner Godfrey

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) — The Afognak Native Corporation Board of Directors announced to the Department of Public Safety the renaming of a mountain on Afognak Island near Muskomee Bay. The new name — Godfrey Mountain — was approved for the summit by the U.S. Geological Survey's U.S. Board on Geographic Names on Dec. 11, 2008.

Glenn G. Godfrey (1949-2002) was the first Alaska Native to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety and Director of the Alaska State Troopers. Godfrey started his career with DPS in July of 1970 at the Public Safety Academy in Sitka. Through the years, he promoted to various positions within AST. Starting in January of 1995, Godfrey served as the Director of AST for five years before being appointed Commissioner of DPS in August of 2000 by Gov. Tony Knowles. Commissioner Godfrey Retired from DPS in June of 2002.

"This is a lasting and steadfast tribute to a man, and a family, that has given so much to this organization and all Alaskans. It stands as a reminder to hope that our actions and contributions may someday inspire similar sentiment," said DPS Commissioner Joe Masters.

Godfrey Mountain is located 13 miles North-Northwest of Afognak village which is on the Southwestern coast of Afognak Island just North of Kodiak Island.