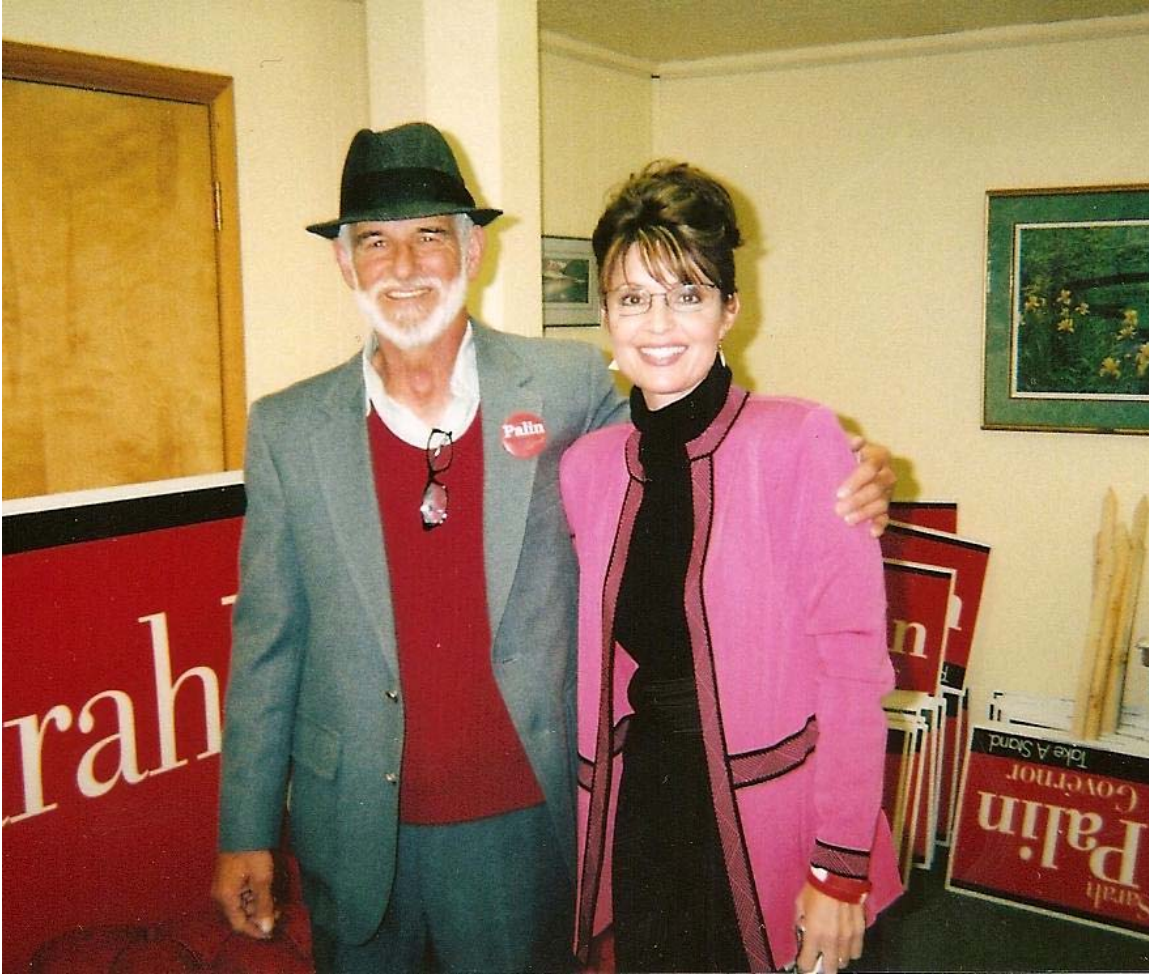


# FIJA's Alaska Activist Frank Turney with Governor Sarah Palin



**Special Thanks to jury activist and executive director of the American Jury Institute, Iloilo Jones, for requesting a jury rights day proclamation from Governor Sarah Palin.**

*WHEREAS, September 5, 2008, will mark the 338th anniversary of the day when the jury, in the trial of William Penn, refused to convict him of violating England's Conventicle Acts, despite clear evidence that he acted illegally by preaching a Quaker sermon to his congregation.*

*WHEREAS, by refusing to apply what they determined was an unjust law, the Penn jury not only served justice, but provided a basis for the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment rights of freedom of speech, religion, and peaceable assembly.*

*WHEREAS, September 5th, 2008, also commemorates the day when four of Penn's jurors began nine weeks of incarceration for finding him not guilty. Their later release*

*and exoneration established forever the English and American legal doctrine that it is the right and responsibility of the trial jury to decide on matters of law and fact.*

*WHEREAS, the Sixth and Seventh Amendments are included in the Bill of Rights to preserve the right to trial by jury, which in turn conveys upon the jury the responsibility to defend, with its verdict, all other individual rights enumerated or implied by the U.S. Constitution, including its Amendments.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sarah Palin, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2008, as: Jury Rights Day in Alaska, in recognition of the integral role the jury, as an institution, plays in our legal system.*

Frank says:

Our founding fathers gave us trial by jury to check and balance government laws, whether they come from Congress or your own state legislator. For the past 16 years Frank has been informing and educating Alaskans, young and old, about our rights and responsibilities when sitting on a jury. Judges excuse jurors in the event a juror admits he knows his jury nullification rights. As a juror, you have the right to judge the laws and the facts. Frank is also educating people about the true use of the Grand Jury - not only indictment, but the lesser known second function: presentment.