SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION


WHEREAS a large proportion of Alaska Natives reside in urban areas of Alaska; and
WHEREAS subsistence uses of wild renewable resources is essential for the physical, economic, traditional, social, and cultural existence of urban Alaska Natives, just as they are for rural Alaska residents; and
WHEREAS the federal subsistence preference established under Title VIII, Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (P.L. 96-487), as applied, denies urban Alaska Natives an opportunity to participate in subsistence activities on the same basis as rural Alaska residents;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Congress of the United States to clarify whether it truly intended to deny Alaska Natives residing in urban areas of Alaska the opportunity to engage in subsistence activities on the same basis as rural Alaska residents when it passed Title VIII, Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (P.L. 96-487).
COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the United States Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.