

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE WOLF**

**Introduced: 1/20/04**

**Referred: Resources**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to Take a Young Person Hunting Week.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** Alaska's abundance and variety of natural resources are unmatched in the  
4 United States; and

5 **WHEREAS** many of our young people today lack the opportunity to go hunting; and

6 **WHEREAS** the age of the average hunter continues to rise, and we are experiencing  
7 poor recruitment of young people into our hunting community; and

8 **WHEREAS** many of our young people lack an understanding of the importance of  
9 hunting in wildlife conservation; and

10 **WHEREAS** we have an obligation to teach our young people about our hunting  
11 heritage; and

12 **WHEREAS** many of our young people are receiving very negative messages about  
13 the perceived evils of hunting and the dangers of using firearms; and

14 **WHEREAS** our young people need to be taught about gun safety, hunting skills, and  
15 hunting ethics; and

16 **WHEREAS** our young people need to have opportunities to hunt under the guidance

1 and supervision of an experienced adult; and

2           **WHEREAS** experienced hunters need the opportunity to pass along revered traditions  
3 and respect for the resources to future generations;

4           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the  
5 Governor to proclaim the second week of September as Take a Young Person Hunting Week;  
6 and be it

7           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges schools, community  
8 groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals to encourage the observation of  
9 Take a Young Person Hunting Week with appropriate activities that ensure the continuation  
10 of hunting.