

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/1/04

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES WOLF, Lynn

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 diminishing numbers 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** many of us wish to teach our young people about our hunting heritage;
11 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.