A RESOLUTION

Encouraging repeal of the REAL ID Act of 2005.

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

WHEREAS the federal government has failed to show any measurable evidence that the implementation of the REAL ID Act of 2005 will make our borders more secure and better protect our citizens from terrorism; and

WHEREAS the state, under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, has always exercised its exclusive power to establish standards and regulations for the issuance of Alaska state driver's licenses and Alaska state identification cards; and

WHEREAS the federal government imposes a huge fiscal burden on the division of motor vehicles to implement the REAL ID Act of 2005; and

WHEREAS noncompliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005 may result in the federal government illegally punishing individual Alaskans by placing limitations on state residents' freedom of travel and access to federal facilities; and

WHEREAS, as of October 1, 2020, Alaska state driver's licenses or Alaska state identification cards will not be acceptable identification for air travel;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature does not believe government
should wage the war on terrorism at the expense of states' rights and liberties of citizens protected by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature does not believe the REAL ID Act of 2005 will make the United States measurably safer and encourages the United States Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature opposes any interference by the federal government with the rights of Alaska residents to travel and to freedom of movement, including travel by air; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature calls on the Governor and the Attorney General of the State of Alaska to challenge any proposed federal interference with the right of Alaska residents to freedom of movement, including travel by air, and to vigorously defend Alaska residents against any attempted interference with those rights.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States; the Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 115th United States Congress.