CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5(   )

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE HERRON

A RESOLUTION

Declaring 2015, 2016, and 2017 to be the Years of the Arctic; encouraging the state and its partners to join with the Institute of the North in encouraging the state to promote its Arctic policy during the Years of the Arctic and to take action to address the strategic recommendations in the Arctic Policy and Implementation Plan of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission.

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

WHEREAS residents of the state are at the forefront of emerging economic and resource development opportunities, vibrant healthy communities, and circumpolar cooperation; and

WHEREAS the vision of the state for the Arctic is based on economic resource development, a healthy environment, secure and safe communities, and transparent decision making; and

WHEREAS the Arctic is an integral part of the identity of the state, home to many residents of the state, and an important part of the history, culture, and prosperity of the state; and
WHEREAS the Arctic is a significant geopolitical feature of the nation; and
WHEREAS the Arctic is becoming increasingly accessible, presenting a multitude of opportunities that should be realized; and
WHEREAS the draft Arctic Policy and Implementation Plan, released by the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, highlights the critical importance of the Arctic to the future of the state; and
WHEREAS there is a need to strengthen international collaboration, promote economic and resource development, and continue to cultivate healthy communities and a healthy environment in the Arctic; and
WHEREAS the United States will chair the Arctic Council from April 2015 to May 2017; and
WHEREAS the state should anticipate increased national and international attention during this period;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature declares 2015, 2016, and 2017 to be the Years of the Arctic, a period during which the state should make every effort to highlight the importance of the Arctic to residents of the state and nation; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the state and its partners to join with the Institute of the North in encouraging the state to promote its Arctic policy and broadening awareness of Arctic issues; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the state to promote its Arctic policy during the Years of the Arctic and to take action to address the strategic recommendations in the Arctic Policy and Implementation Plan of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission.