

**SENATE BILL NO. 123**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Resources

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act establishing May 10 of each year as Alaska Mining Day."**

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

3        \* **Section 1.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4               **Sec. 44.12.094. Alaska Mining Day.** Alaska Mining Day is established on  
5        May 10 of each year to recognize and honor the intrepid individuals and industry that  
6        played an enormous role in developing and settling the territory and the state and that  
7        continue to contribute to the economy of the state. Mining served as a driving force  
8        behind the creation of the Alaska Railroad in the early twentieth century, and  
9        continuing development of the mineral resources of the state, including rare earth  
10       minerals, contributes to the security and economy of the state and the nation. Alaska  
11       Mining Day may be observed by educational and celebratory events, projects, and  
12       activities to increase public awareness of and appreciation for mining and miners in  
13       Alaska and the many uses for the minerals mined in the state.