

SENATE BILL NO. 1

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR GIESSEL

Introduced: 1/16/13

Referred: State Affairs

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 settling and developing 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 20th century, and the ongoing
9 development of the mineral resources of the state, including rare earth minerals,
10 contributes to the security and economy of the state and the nation. Alaska Mining
11 Day may be observed by educational and celebratory events, projects, and activities to
12 increase public awareness of and appreciation for mining and miners in the state and
13 the many uses for the minerals mined in the state.