



## **Resolution Affirming Alaska as “Right to Mush” State:**

*Title:* A resolution supporting sled dog mushing in Alaska and establishing the “Right to Mush” on the Seward Peninsula and in the state of Alaska and to protect the customary and traditional activity of sled dog mushing in the region and state as a traditional activity.

*WHEREAS:* The State sport of Alaska is sled dog mushing. It is embraced by many Alaskans who continue to live with dogs, travel by dog team and perpetuate the culture and tradition of sled dog mushing that has been exercised for thousands of years in Alaska.

*WHEREAS:* The Seward Peninsula is the historic home to sled dog racing, started by the Nome Kennel Club in 1907, it is also an important thread in the fabric of Alaskan life, and an important aspect of the spiritual wellbeing and cultural identity of the people here.

*WHEREAS:* Dog mushing contributes to the image of Alaska as the Last Frontier state; it contributes to state and local economies by providing popular tourist attractions; dog mushing also makes possible sled dog races which attract millions of fans worldwide, providing exciting events, and show-casing Alaska on an international level.

*Therefore:* It is in the interest of preserving this sport and the way of life in rural Alaska that it represents that The Nome Kennel Club supports the “Right to Mush” on the Seward Peninsula and in the state of Alaska. This would include the establishment of traditionally used trails, guaranteeing the right to keep kennels, and legislative support through the recognition by the legislature of the importance of dog mushing to the identity of this region and the state in order to preserve this tradition and culture for future generations.

*Signed into effect the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013 by the Nome Kennel Club*

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