STATE OF ALASKA THE LEGISLATURE

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Proclaiming September 24, 2012, to be United States Marshals Day.

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

WHEREAS, following passage by the United States Congress of the United States Judiciary Act of 1789, which established the federal judicial system and authorized the appointment of one United States Marshal for each of the newly created federal judicial districts, President George Washington, on September 24, 1789, signed the Act into law and directed the appointment of the first 13 United States Marshals; and

WHEREAS, under sec. 27 of the 1789 Act, United States Marshals are directed to "execute throughout the district all lawful precepts" and are given "power to command all necessary assistance," including the appointment of deputies, for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, for more than 200 years, United States Marshals and their deputies have executed warrants, registered enemy aliens in time of war, ensured the safe conduct of judicial proceedings, worked to apprehend dangerous fugitives, and protected the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS United States Marshals and their deputies began upholding the law in the Territory of Alaska in 1884 and have continued upholding it since then with dedication,

integrity, and personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS eight deputy United States Marshals have died in the line of duty while serving either the Territory of Alaska or the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the service of the United States Marshals and their deputies has been vital to the safety and prosperity of communities and individuals in both the Territory of Alaska and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS United States Marshals and their deputies have served the nation, the Territory of Alaska, and the State of Alaska with valor for many generations and continue to do so;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature proclaims September 24, 2012, to be United States Marshals Day in honor of the longstanding service of the United States Marshals and their deputies.