

# STATE OF ALASKA THE LEGISLATURE

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Commending and supporting actions taken by the Office of the Governor, the attorney general, and the commissioner of natural resources to protect the state from federal government incursion into the care and management of state resources and to promote the economic prosperity of the state; and urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to limit federal government overreach into management of state resources.

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

**WHEREAS** the federal government is attempting some regulatory actions that are adverse and contrary to the interests of the state and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the Office of the Governor, the attorney general, and the commissioner of natural resources, with strong support by the Alaska State Legislature, have challenged the federal government in court for its interpretation of the Endangered Species Act in its expansive designation of critical habitat for polar bears, for restricting access to Alaska rivers, for denying use of rights-of-way that are essential to access land in the state, and for taking

adverse actions against our timber interests, mining interests, and interests in development of federal onshore and outer continental shelf oil and gas resources; and

**WHEREAS**, under art. VIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the policy of the state is to encourage the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest; and

**WHEREAS** actions taken by the state's executive and the Alaska State Legislature seek to protect the state's rights and local self-governance of the people of the state and promote a future of economic security and prosperity;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature commends and supports the actions of the Office of the Governor, the attorney general, and the commissioner of natural resources to protect the state from federal government interference with the state's right to be the steward of and manage the state's natural resources and to promote the economic prosperity of the state; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress and the President of the United States to honor the state's equal footing with the other states and recede from overextending federal authority into management of state resources.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Ron Wyden, Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Fred Upton, Chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Doc Hastings, Chair of the Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.