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Governor Mike Dunleavy STATE OF ALASKA

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The Honorable Gary Stevens Senate President Alaska State Legislature Capitol Building, Room 111 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a resolution to amend the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article IV, Section 5. The proposed amendment would streamline the judicial appointment process by allowing the Governor to fill a vacancy in the Supreme Court or the Superior Court from among all persons determined by the Judicial Council to meet the constitutional qualifications, rather than from a limited number of names.

This change clarifies and simplifies how vacancies are filled, ensuring the Governor has a broader pool of qualified candidates while preserving the Judiciary's integrity and independence.

I respectfully request your prompt and favorable consideration of this resolution.

Sincerely,

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

Enclosure