

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 integrity, and personal sacrifice; and

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

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

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

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