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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the importation of foreign oil into the United States.

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

WHEREAS newly discovered oil reserves on the North Slope of Alaska are estimated to be more than capable of serving oil-deficit areas of the United States; and

WHEREAS the proposed trans-Alaska pipeline from the North Slope to the Gulf of Alaska is estimated to be capable of meeting west coast oil needs by the mid 1970's; and

WHEREAS the establishment of the Northwest Passage tanker route from the Alaskan Arctic Coast to the Atlantic will make Alaskan oil immediately available along the eastern seaboard; and

WHEREAS increases in the importation of foreign crude oil will necessarily limit domestic production which, in turn, will limit domestic exploration; and

WHEREAS encouragement and protection of the development of domestic oil reserves are in the best national economic and security interests;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Legislature of the State of Alaska expresses its opposition to the establishment of foreign trade zones for the importation of oil into the United States, and urges the rescinding of former Secretary of the Interior Udall's order allowing an exemption to the Mandatory Oil Import Program in District V.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable

Ted Stevens, and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and to the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.