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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to a plan for airborne geophysical surveys in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS, although there are many significant indications that Alaska is extremely rich in mineral resources, there is less authoritative knowledge of Alaska's geology than of any other state; and

WHEREAS, since there is not nearly enough area covered by geological or geophysical surveys to attract exploration companies, these companies must be encouraged and assisted by furnishing them the necessary regional preliminary survey data; and

WHEREAS aerial geophysical maps would provide basic information which will allow a better understanding of geology for selection of apparent favorable areas; and

WHEREAS modern airborne geophysical surveys are by far the most effective, fastest and least expensive method of survey per square mile;

BE IT RESOLVED that the United States Geological Survey and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources are urged to enter into a cooperative plan to expand airborne geophysical survey efforts in Alaska in order to establish the basic geologic framework necessary for the evaluation of mineral resource potential and to identify specific target areas that could be explored in detail by mining or petroleum companies.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable William T. Pecora, Director, United States Geological Survey; the Honorable Thomas Kelly, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources; the Honorable Harry Hulsing,

District Chief of the U. S. Geological Survey in Alaska; 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.