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Requesting the Governor to proclaim a Declaration of War on Crime in Alaska.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the traditional lifestyle in Alaska is open, warm, and informal, based on the needs of a small population living in a vast area; and

WHEREAS the relative freedom from crime and the fear of crime which Alaskans have enjoyed in the past is a vital part of our open society; and

WHEREAS crime has increased in Alaska and is continuing to increase; and

WHEREAS the direct harm caused by crime to the victim and the public is not tolerable; and

WHEREAS the indirect harm caused by fear of crime includes loss of trust, warmth and openness, creating loss of freedom to live as we should and must if our traditional lifestyle is to continue; and

WHEREAS a broad social approach which encompasses enforcement, local autonomy, prevention, and education is necessary to substantially reduce crime and the fear of crime; and

WHEREAS recognition of the problem and a determination to actively combat the problem on a broad front as we have done with the closely related problem of alcohol and drug abuse is a major first step; and

WHEREAS a total commitment by the people and the government of Alaska is required to combat the problem of crime in Alaska, just as a total commitment is required to defend our other basic freedoms from those who would take them from us; and

WHEREAS freedom from crime and the fear of crime is a right that government was created to protect;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Senate urges the Governor to proclaim a Declaration of War on Crime in Alaska to be waged with the full personal commitment of the Governor to use all resources available to the state for a broad approach to combat this enemy of the people.