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Relating to establishing the coal policy of the state.

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

**WHEREAS** a healthy future for Alaska's coal industry depends on the perception among foreign and domestic buyers that the state supports coal development; and

**WHEREAS** a vibrant coal industry is a benefit to the state and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the export potential of Alaska coal and the maintenance of the coal industry's current small share of international coal exports are of vital importance to the future success of Alaska's coal industry; and

**WHEREAS** competition against Alaska coal exports is international rather than domestic in nature; and

**WHEREAS** in-state domestic use of coal can make a very important contribution to long-term power supplies and power supply costs; and

**WHEREAS** a vibrant coal industry will enhance receipts to the state in the form of mining license and corporate income taxes and lease rentals and royalties; and

**WHEREAS** the export of Alaska's coal will substantially enhance the gross state product and will have a positive effect on the trade balance of the United States;

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that it is the official policy of the state to foster the responsible development and expansion of its domestic and export coal industry; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the state shall exercise all prudent and expeditious means to maintain and expand Alaska's current and future coal production and export market share; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature shall work diligently with the Governor and the Governor's administration to identify unwarranted impediments to the growth of Alaska's coal industry and shall develop strategies to eliminate or mitigate the adverse effects of these impediments; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the state, in recognition of the benefits of a vibrant coal industry, shall endeavor to maintain stable royalty and coal industry taxation policies; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the Governor and the Governor's administration, particularly the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, assist the Legislature in taking a leadership role in the planning and evaluation of existing infrastructure and the need for the development of new infrastructure and in the review of transportation modes and rates in an effort to maximize efficient capacity utilization and reduce unit costs; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to assist the Legislature in seeking a waiver to the Jones Act for bulk commodities of low unit value such as coal; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor and the administration to assist it in fostering commercial demonstrations of new coal technologies that hold the potential to meet the state's energy needs and that can produce value-added products from Alaska coal; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that it is in the best interests of the state for the state to maintain control over the coal regulatory program, to adequately fund the management and enforcement of the program, and to continue to review and update the coal regulatory program to ensure that state primacy in coal regulation is maintained.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Governor, and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.