

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to reimbursement of expenses for residents who travel to the capital city
2 to attend legislative sessions or to testify before legislative committees.

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

4 WHEREAS it is essential that residents of the state have the opportunity to participate
5 in state government; and

6 WHEREAS it is through their representatives elected to the legislature that the
7 residents of the various districts in this vast state have the greatest chance to making their
8 special concerns and needs known; and

9 WHEREAS travel to the state capital can be prohibitively expensive for many state
10 residents who would like to communicate with their representatives and observe the legislature
11 in action; and

12 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of Juneau to ensure that all of the people have
13 access to the state capital; and

14 WHEREAS Juneau greatly benefits from its status as the capital city of Alaska and
15 should, therefore, take some responsibility for making the capital accessible to all of the state
16 residents; and

1 **WHEREAS** Juneau has set aside a portion of its sales tax receipts in a rainy day
2 account to meet special needs of the capital city;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests Juneau, the state capital
4 city, to provide money from its rainy day account for reimbursement of expenses incurred by
5 state residents in traveling to the capital city to attend legislative sessions or to testify before
6 legislative committees; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Affairs Agency is directed to make
8 recommendations to the Legislative Council and the Assembly of the City and Borough of
9 Juneau regarding the method by which the rainy day account should be used to ensure
10 efficient and fair treatment in the reimbursement of expenses incurred by state residents
11 traveling to the capital city.

12 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Mayor of the City and Borough of
13 Juneau and to each of the members of the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau.