

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the Congress to clarify that the Reindeer Industry Act of 1937 no**
2 **longer applies in the State of Alaska.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska entered into the Union on an equal footing with all
5 other states, and the Statehood Compact specifically granted authority over fish and wildlife
6 to the State of Alaska; and

7 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska is the only state subject to a federally imposed policy
8 barring the ownership of reindeer based on race; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Congress and the President of the United States are presently
10 embarking on a campaign to return rights and authority to the states; and

11 **WHEREAS** federal laws applicable to the Territory of Alaska do not necessarily apply
12 to the State of Alaska; and

13 **WHEREAS** the Reindeer Industry Act of 1937 was enacted when Alaska was a
14 territory and became ineffective upon statehood;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the U.S.
16 Congress to clarify that the Reindeer Industry Act of 1937 does not apply in the State of

1 Alaska.

2 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President
3 of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond,
4 President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S.
5 House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
6 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
7 the Alaska delegation in Congress.