

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/2/98

Referred: Judiciary

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging an appeal and an expeditious decision on the appeal of a case concerning**  
2 **marriage.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** marriage has been the foundation of civilization for thousands of years  
5 in cultures around the world, and it is the single most important social institution; and

6 **WHEREAS** marriage is defined in all 50 states as the legal union of a man and a  
7 woman, and two sexes must be present for it to be marriage; and

8 **WHEREAS** marriage connotes social, economic, and spiritual union; and

9 **WHEREAS** marriage is an independently quantifiable good for society; hence the state  
10 has an interest in preserving and protecting the special status of marriage, regardless of  
11 religious beliefs; and

12 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature in 1996, through passage of Senate Bill 308,  
13 confirmed the definition of marriage in Alaska as being the union of one man and one woman;  
14 and

15 **WHEREAS** a strong majority of Alaskans understand and agree with this definition  
16 of marriage; and

1           **WHEREAS** Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski in his February 27, 1998, ruling in  
2 Brause and Dugan v. State of Alaska seriously jeopardized the ability of the State of Alaska  
3 to enforce this definition;

4           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests Governor  
5 Tony Knowles to direct the Department of Law to use every appropriate resource available  
6 and due diligence to file and expedite an appeal of Brause and Dugan v. State of Alaska to  
7 the Alaska Supreme Court; and be it

8           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that  
9 the Alaska Supreme Court expedite its consideration of this appeal.