

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to subsistence activities of urban Alaska Natives under the Alaska**
2 **National Interest Lands Conservation Act.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** a large proportion of Alaska Natives reside in urban areas of Alaska; and

5 **WHEREAS** subsistence uses of wild renewable resources is essential for the physical,
6 economic, traditional, social, and cultural existence of urban Alaska Natives, just as they are
7 for rural Alaska residents; and

8 **WHEREAS** the federal subsistence preference established under Title VIII, Alaska
9 National Interest Lands Conservation Act (P.L. 96-487), as applied, denies urban Alaska
10 Natives an opportunity to participate in subsistence activities on the same basis as rural Alaska
11 residents;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
13 Congress of the United States to clarify whether it truly intended to deny Alaska Natives
14 residing in urban areas of Alaska the opportunity to engage in subsistence activities on the
15 same basis as rural Alaska residents when it passed Title VIII, Alaska National Interest Lands
16 Conservation Act (P.L. 96-487).

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