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Relating to the National Museum of Women's History and the National Museum of Women's History Alaska Council.

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

WHEREAS knowledge of one's heritage and a pride in past accomplishments are critical to developing a personal and collective sense of competence and potential; and

WHEREAS the historical contributions of women to civilization and to our nation have gone unrecognized or are misunderstood, leaving a gap in our nation's historical record; and

WHEREAS a National Museum of Women's History is needed to profile the specific achievements that individual women have made to all aspects of human endeavor and to explore and celebrate the contributions that women have made in their various roles in family and society; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in our nation's history, the founders of the Women's Suffrage Movement are being honored in the United States Capitol Rotunda due in large part to the efforts of the National Museum of Women's History, which raised \$85,000 and generated public support to move a statue of Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Stanton, and Susan B.

Anthony to the rotunda after 76 years of storage in the Capitol; and

WHEREAS the National Museum of Women's History is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational institution dedicated to preserving and celebrating the many contributions and diverse heritage of women throughout history; and

WHEREAS legislation has been introduced and bipartisan support has been gained in the United States Congress to provide space in an existing federal building in Washington, D.C., for the National Museum of Women's History; and

WHEREAS the National Museum of Women's History is expected to serve 2,500,000 visitors each year when it is located in Washington, D.C., and to serve many millions more with its traveling exhibits and cyber museum;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the 106th United States Congress to allocate a physical site for the National Museum of Women's History close to The Mall in Washington, D.C., before adjournment; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to establish an advisory committee on the National Museum of Women's History to oversee the selection of an appropriate location for the museum and to develop a business plan for the museum's operation and maintenance, which will be funded solely through private contributions by the American people; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges public support for the National Museum of Women's History Alaska Council, a branch of the National Museum of Women's History, being established in Alaska in its efforts to preserve and celebrate the achievements of Alaska women and to raise private funds to create a cyber exhibit on Alaska women.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Karen Staser, President, National Museum of Women's History; 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.