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Relating to Take a Young Person Hunting Week.

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

WHEREAS Alaska's abundance and variety of natural resources are unmatched in the United States; and

WHEREAS many of our young people today lack the opportunity to go hunting; and

WHEREAS the age of the average hunter continues to rise, and we are experiencing poor recruitment of young people into our hunting community; and

WHEREAS many of our young people lack an understanding of the importance of hunting in wildlife conservation; and

WHEREAS we have an obligation to teach our young people about our hunting heritage; and

WHEREAS many of our young people are receiving very negative messages about the perceived evils of hunting and the dangers of using weapons; and

WHEREAS our young people need to be taught about gun safety, hunting skills, and hunting ethics; and

WHEREAS our young people need to have opportunities to hunt under the guidance and supervision of an experienced adult; and

WHEREAS experienced hunters need the opportunity to pass along revered traditions and respect for the resources to future generations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to proclaim the second week of September as Take a Young Person Hunting Week; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges schools, community groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals to encourage the observation of Take a Young Person Hunting Week with appropriate activities that ensure the continuation of hunting.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Laura Jane Wineinger, Alaska Field Representative, National Rifle Association; Tom Elias, Regional Vice President, Safari Club International; and Rod Arno, President, Alaska Outdoor Council.