

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS

Introduced: 4/21/99

Referred: Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to Take a Kid Hunting Weekend.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
2 Governor to proclaim the second weekend of September as Take a Kid Hunting Weekend; and
3 be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges schools, community
5 groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals to encourage the observation of
6 Take a Kid Hunting Weekend with appropriate activities that ensure the continuation of
7 hunting.

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