

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/6/99

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to Take a Child Hunting Week.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
4 Governor to proclaim the second week of September as Take a Child Hunting Week; and be
5 it

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

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