

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS

Introduced: 2/10/99

Referred: House Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations, State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Karen Staser, President, National Museum
22 of Women’s History; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,
23 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
24 delegation in Congress.