

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**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 106th United States  
12 Congress to allocate a physical site for the National Museum of Women's History close to The  
13 Mall in Washington, D.C., before adjournment; and be it

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

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

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