

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the Board of Game to clarify regulations regarding donations of big game**
2 **meat to charitable organizations and the Department of Fish and Game to disseminate**
3 **information on donating big game meat to charitable organizations.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** big game hunting and the consumption of meat from big game animals is
6 an important element of the lifestyle and culture of Alaskans; and

7 **WHEREAS** not all Alaskans have the means or opportunity to hunt for big game; and

8 **WHEREAS** a constant need exists for meat of big game animals to alleviate hunger in
9 the state; and

10 **WHEREAS** charitable organizations frequently have a need to obtain meat of big
11 game animals to provide for the nutritional as well as the cultural needs of their clients; and

12 **WHEREAS** the waste of edible meat of big game animals is prohibited by law; and

13 **WHEREAS** more meat of big game animals may be donated to charitable
14 organizations if the regulations relating to gifts of big game meat explicitly allowed meat to
15 be donated to charitable organizations and if the Department of Fish and Game widely

1 disseminated information about the ability of hunters to donate big game meat to charitable
2 organizations;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Board
4 of Game to adopt regulations clarifying that a hunter may donate the meat of big game
5 animals to charitable organizations; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
7 Department of Fish and Game to widely disseminate information to hunters and the public
8 regarding the donation of the meat of big game animals to charitable organizations.

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Frank Rue, commissioner of fish and game;
10 and to Greg Roczicka, chair, Board of Game.