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**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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1 Establishing the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission; and providing for an effective  
2 date.

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4 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
5 to read:

6 PURPOSE OF THE ACT. January 2009, will mark the 50th anniversary of Alaska's  
7 admission as the 49th state of the United States of America. It is fitting that the occasion be  
8 marked by a celebration commensurate with the state's magnificent heritage and in ways that  
9 reflect upon the opportunities that 50 years of Statehood have brought to the state and the  
10 people. Appropriate recognition of those benefits and scheduling of a statewide celebration to  
11 commemorate the occasion will require advance research, planning, and preparation. To that  
12 end, an Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission is established and its powers and duties set  
13 out.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 ALASKA STATEHOOD CELEBRATION COMMISSION. (a) The Alaska  
3 Statehood Celebration Commission is established. The commission consists of nine  
4 members, determined as follows:

5 (1) the governor shall appoint four public members of the commission, of  
6 whom one member shall be a resident of and be appointed from each of the four judicial  
7 districts in the state;

8 (2) the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one member of  
9 the house of representatives who is a member of the majority caucus and one member of the  
10 house of representatives who is a member of the minority caucus, in consultation with the  
11 leadership of that caucus;

12 (3) the president of the senate shall appoint one member of the senate who is a  
13 member of the majority caucus and one member of the senate who is a member of the  
14 minority caucus, in consultation with the leadership of that caucus; and

15 (4) the governor or the governor's designee.

16 (b) The governor shall designate the chair and vice-chair of the commission.

17 (c) If a member of the commission resigns or is otherwise unable to perform the  
18 duties of a member of the commission or if a legislator member of the commission is no  
19 longer a member of the legislative body from which the member was appointed, the officer  
20 responsible for appointing that member shall appoint a replacement member as soon as  
21 possible.

22 (d) Notwithstanding AS 39.20.180, public members of the commission are not  
23 entitled to expenses, travel, or per diem allowances.

24 (e) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum. The  
25 commission may approve measures, make recommendations, and take other action based on a  
26 vote of a majority of the quorum that is present.

27 \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
28 read:

29 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ALASKA STATEHOOD CELEBRATION  
30 COMMISSION. (a) The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission shall plan and  
31 administer all official state activities leading up to and relating to the 50th anniversary of

1 Alaska Statehood and, to that end, shall

2 (1) organize and adopt rules for the conduct of its business;

3 (2) prepare a timetable and budget for completion of its responsibilities under  
4 this Act; and

5 (3) advise the governor and, annually, at the beginning of each regular session,  
6 the legislature on all activities relating to the 50th anniversary of Alaska Statehood.

7 (b) The commission may

8 (1) appoint subcommittees, which may include persons who are not members  
9 of the commission; individuals not members of the commission who serve on subcommittees  
10 may, subject to appropriation, be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performance  
11 of their services to the commission under this Act;

12 (2) engage in joint projects with any municipality, civic organization, or other  
13 entity to accomplish the purpose of this Act;

14 (3) subject to appropriations made for the purpose, employ persons and incur  
15 expenses as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Act; and

16 (4) accept gifts and grants from the federal government and from public and  
17 nonpublic sources and, subject to appropriation by the legislature, expend those gifts and  
18 grants to carry out the purposes of this Act.

19 (c) The commission shall initiate a public process to solicit ideas concerning

20 (1) appropriate ways in which to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Alaska  
21 Statehood; and

22 (2) one or more projects that the commission may encourage, sponsor, or  
23 support that would serve as a permanent legacy or reminder to commemorate the occasion.

24 (d) In carrying out its responsibilities under this Act, the commission shall encourage  
25 and involve participation by all Alaskans in the 50th anniversary of Statehood celebration and  
26 commemoration.

27 (e) The Office of the Governor shall provide the commission with all reasonable and  
28 necessary staff support, but the governor may delegate or assign this obligation to another  
29 agency.

30 \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
31 read:

1           UNAUTHORIZED REPRESENTATION OF ASSOCIATION WITH ALASKA  
2 STATEHOOD CELEBRATION COMMISSION. A person may not use, display, or publish  
3 any name, title, or device that tends to indicate that the person is affiliated with or is supported  
4 or sponsored by the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission without the written  
5 authorization of the commission.

6       \* **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 - 4 of this Act are repealed January 31, 2010.

7       \* **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2005.