

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22**  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 3/5/04**

**Referred: State Affairs, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to the development of moose escape routes by the Alaska National Guard.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** moose avoid areas of deep snow while traveling and foraging in winter;  
4 and

5 **WHEREAS** the current winter of 2003 - 2004 is unusually severe in Southcentral  
6 Alaska; and

7 **WHEREAS** the plowing and removal of snow from road and railroad rights-of-way  
8 create areas attractive to moose; and

9 **WHEREAS** the concentration of moose along road and railroad rights-of-way  
10 frequently results in tragic encounters between moose and motor vehicles and trains; and

11 **WHEREAS** collisions between moose and motor vehicles and trains result in the  
12 wasteful destruction of moose and pose avoidable risks to the personal safety of Alaskans and  
13 to the Alaska economy; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Alaska National Guard possesses the personnel and equipment to  
15 ameliorate the problems associated with the concentration of moose along road and railroad  
16 rights-of-way by developing escape routes for moose through deep snow to safe areas away

1 from busy rights-of-way; and

2         **WHEREAS** one of the functions of the Alaska National Guard is to protect the  
3 general health and safety; and

4         **WHEREAS** participation in development of escape routes for moose through deep  
5 snow to safe areas away from road and railroad rights-of-way will foster conservation of  
6 moose, further the mission of the Alaska National Guard, and provide a meaningful training  
7 opportunity for members of the Alaska National Guard;

8         **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests Governor  
9 Murkowski to direct the Alaska National Guard to participate in developing escape routes,  
10 jointly identified by the Department of Fish and Game and the Alaska Moose Federation, for  
11 moose through deep snow to safe areas away from road and railroad rights-of-way.