

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES COGHILL, Kawasaki, Gruenberg, Gardner, Seaton, Meyer, Holmes, Guttenberg, Doll**

**Introduced: 4/13/07**

**Referred: State Affairs**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to opposition to the Real ID Act of 2005.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the Real ID Act of 2005 was passed without hearings, testimony, or  
4 public discussion as part of a last-minute addition to the Emergency Supplemental  
5 Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005; and

6 **WHEREAS** the citizens of the state recognize the Constitution of the United States as  
7 their charter for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and the Bill of Rights preserves the  
8 fundamental and inalienable rights of Americans, including the freedom of privacy and the  
9 freedom from unreasonable searches; and

10 **WHEREAS** each of the state's elected public servants has sworn to defend and uphold  
11 the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Alaska; and

12 **WHEREAS** the state, under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United  
13 States, has always exercised its exclusive power to establish standards and regulations for the  
14 issuance of Alaska state driver's licenses and Alaska state identification cards; and

15 **WHEREAS** the federal government imposes a huge fiscal impact on the Division of  
16 Motor Vehicles to implement the Real ID Act of 2005; and

1           **WHEREAS** compliance with the Real ID Act of 2005 will result in the display of  
2 Alaskans' residential addresses on their driver's licenses, but noncompliance will result in  
3 limitations on Alaska residents' freedom of travel and access to federal facilities; and

4           **WHEREAS** the federal government has failed to show any measurable evidence that  
5 the implementation of the Real ID Act of 2005 will make our borders more secure and better  
6 protect our citizens from terrorism;

7           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the federal  
8 government not to wage the war on terrorism at the expense of states' rights and essential civil  
9 rights and liberties of citizens protected by the United States Constitution and the Bill of  
10 Rights; and be it

11           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature subscribes to the  
12 philosophy espoused in the following quotation attributed to Benjamin Franklin: "They that  
13 can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor  
14 safety"; and be it

15           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature does not believe the Real  
16 ID Act of 2005 will make the United States measurably safer and encourages the United  
17 States Congress to repeal the Real ID Act of 2005.

18           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President  
19 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States  
20 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of  
21 Representatives; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S.  
22 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
23 delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 110th United States Congress.