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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS **THERRIAULT, Dyson, Bunde, Huggins, Stedman, Wagoner, Meyer, McGuire, Olson**

REPRESENTATIVES **Kelly, Neuman, Johnson, Wilson, Seaton, Lynn, Dahlstrom, Ramras, Millett, Keller**

Introduced: 1/26/09

Referred: Judiciary

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to carrying firearms in national parks.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the National Park Service under the Administration of former President  
4 George W. Bush adopted a rule allowing park users to carry concealed firearms for personal  
5 protection; and

6 **WHEREAS** aggressive wildlife do not respect park boundaries; and

7 **WHEREAS** it is not unusual for hikers or other park users to encounter a fresh bear  
8 kill or rabid animal or to unintentionally come between a sow and her cub; and

9 **WHEREAS** other life-threatening situations can and often do occur in the wilds of the  
10 national parks; and

11 **WHEREAS** allowing concealed firearms is the most successful program of self-  
12 defense ever undertaken by the federal government; and

13 **WHEREAS** the private ownership of firearms is a key component of national defense  
14 and constitutes notice to our enemies that Americans are a free people and a people free to  
15 defend themselves; and

16 **WHEREAS** the incoming Obama Administration should continue the policy of

1 allowing park users to carry concealed firearms in the national parks; and

2 **WHEREAS** the rule relating to use of firearms in national parks could be improved  
3 by removing the requirement that the firearm must be concealed;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature commends former President  
5 George W. Bush and the National Park Service for adopting rules allowing firearms to be  
6 carried in national parks for personal protection; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages President  
8 Barack Obama and the National Park Service to continue and improve the rule allowing park  
9 users to carry firearms.

10 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of  
11 the United States; the Honorable Ken Salazar, United States Secretary of the Interior; the  
12 incoming director of the National Park Service; former President George W. Bush; and the  
13 Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the  
14 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.