

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Energy, State Affairs, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to conserving energy resources and reducing the state's energy costs by**
2 **contacting organizations that represent state employees to determine if the organizations**
3 **will agree to the exchange of an established annual paid state holiday for a new annual**
4 **paid state holiday on the day after Thanksgiving Day, thereby allowing certain state-**
5 **owned or state-leased buildings to be closed for a period of four consecutive days; and**
6 **requesting the adoption of heating and electricity conservation measures for use when**
7 **certain state-owned or state-leased buildings are closed.**

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

9 **WHEREAS** the availability of fuel and other energy resources is vital to the people of
10 Alaska; and

11 **WHEREAS** increasing efficiency in the use of fuel and other energy resources
12 conserves the availability of those resources; and

13 **WHEREAS** reducing the amount of heat and electricity used on state holidays to
14 operate buildings owned or leased by the state increases efficiency in the use of energy

1 resources; and

2 **WHEREAS** establishing a paid state holiday on the day after Thanksgiving Day
3 would allow the state to close certain state-owned or state-leased buildings for a period of four
4 consecutive days; and

5 **WHEREAS** closing certain state-owned or state-leased buildings for a period of four
6 consecutive days would conserve energy resources and save the state money on heating and
7 electrical costs; and

8 **WHEREAS** many private sector and government employers annually grant
9 employees paid leave from work on the day after Thanksgiving Day, and many private sector
10 and government employees take paid leave from work on that day;

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the
12 Governor ask each organization that represents state employees to exchange one paid annual
13 state holiday established by contract, other than the last Thursday of each November, for the
14 contractual right to a new paid annual state holiday on the day after Thanksgiving Day; and be
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16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
17 Governor to develop and implement heating and electricity conservation measures for use
18 when certain state-owned or state-leased buildings are closed.