

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to ensure that**
2 **federal agencies do not ban certain ammunition; and urging the governor to encourage**
3 **the manufacture of firearms and ammunition in Alaska.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States protects
6 the right of all citizens to keep and bear arms; and

7 **WHEREAS** art. I, sec. 19, Constitution of the State of Alaska, clarifies that the right
8 to keep and bear arms is an individual right in Alaska; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is proposing
10 to ban the import, manufacture, and distribution of certain 5.56 millimeter ammunition; and

11 **WHEREAS** the ban of 5.56 millimeter ammunition unfairly and illegally persecutes
12 American businesses; and

13 **WHEREAS** Alaska law protects the right to manufacture firearms and ammunition in
14 this state; and

15 **WHEREAS** Alaska has a substantial interest in attracting industry to the state; and

1 **WHEREAS** Alaskans need good jobs;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the President
3 of the United States to prevent federal agencies from banning 5.56 millimeter ammunition;
4 and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
6 United States Congress to make any necessary statutory changes to prevent federal agencies
7 from banning 5.56 millimeter ammunition; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to
9 make every effort to attract, secure, and provide the conditions for success for an Alaska
10 firearms manufacturing industry.

11 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of
12 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and
13 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of
14 Representatives; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the
15 Honorable B. Todd Jones, Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and
16 Explosives; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S.
17 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
18 delegation in Congress.