

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES JOHNSON, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kawasaki, Thompson, Westlake, Knopp, Birch, Wilson, Kopp, Rauscher, Eastman, LeDoux, Claman, Seaton, Tilton, Reinbold, Tuck, Grenn, Parish, Millett, Sullivan-Leonard

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Referred: State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 **Encouraging repeal of the REAL ID Act of 2005.**

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

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

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

9 **WHEREAS** the federal government imposes a huge fiscal burden on the division of
10 motor vehicles to implement the REAL ID Act of 2005; and

11 **WHEREAS** noncompliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005 will result in the federal
12 government punishing individual Alaskans for the actions of the state by placing limitations
13 on state residents' freedom of travel and access to federal facilities; and

14 **WHEREAS**, as of October 1, 2020, Alaska state driver's licenses or Alaska state
15 identification cards will not be acceptable identification for air travel;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature does not believe government

1 should wage the war on terrorism at the expense of states' rights and liberties of citizens
2 protected by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature does not believe the
4 REAL ID Act of 2005 will make the United States measurably safer and encourages the
5 United States Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
7 of the United States; the Honorable Michael Pence, Vice President of the United States and
8 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of
9 Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S.
10 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
11 delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 115th United States Congress.