

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

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Referred: Today's Calendar

A RESOLUTION

1 **Establishing a House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

3 **WHEREAS** Alaska Native people have over 10,000 years of documented history on
4 land now recognized as part of the state; and

5 **WHEREAS** Alaska Native people are members of federally recognized tribes that
6 maintain a unique political relationship with the federal government; and

7 **WHEREAS** the state is home to 229 federally recognized tribes, nearly half of the
8 573 federally recognized tribes in the nation; and

9 **WHEREAS** Alaska Native tribal nations prioritize the health, welfare, and well-being
10 of their members as does any other sovereign state; and

11 **WHEREAS** Alaska Native resources, languages, and culture have significantly
12 contributed and continue to contribute to the history, identity, and policies of the state; and

13 **WHEREAS** Alaska Native tribes benefit from a social and legal relationship and a
14 trust relationship with the federal government that helps to shape policy while also bringing
15 millions of dollars in revenue to the state, creating thousands of jobs, and infusing significant
16 renewable resources into the economy; and

1 **WHEREAS** the House of Representatives recognizes the contribution made by
2 Alaska Native tribes and recognizes the unique relationship the state enjoys with Alaska
3 Native tribes;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives that a House Special Committee
5 on Tribal Affairs is established to advance strategic partnerships with tribes that seek to
6 advance and strengthen tribal communities, a vision shared by the state; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
8 determine the number of representatives to be members of the committee, appoint the
9 members, and designate a member or members to chair the committee; and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs may
11 meet during and between sessions of the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature and is
12 terminated on the convening of the First Regular Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska State
13 Legislature.