

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Recognizing and commending the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50th**
2 **anniversary in 2025.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was founded in
5 1975 and has evolved during the past half-century to become the premier organization solely
6 dedicated to serving state and territorial legislators and legislative staff; and

7 **WHEREAS** NCSL was created from the merger of three organizations that served or
8 represented state legislatures and that shared the belief that legislative service is one of
9 democracy's worthiest pursuits; and

10 **WHEREAS** NCSL is a bipartisan organization with the following three objectives: to
11 advance the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of state legislatures; to foster interstate
12 communication and cooperation; and to ensure state legislatures have a strong, cohesive voice
13 in the federal system; and

14 **WHEREAS** the nation's state legislatures are laboratories of democracy and have
15 continually shown that state legislatures are the bodies to tackle emerging challenges; and

16 **WHEREAS** a state legislature is where people from very different backgrounds,

1 representing very different communities, can come together and find common ground; and

2 **WHEREAS** NCSL has facilitated the exchange of ideas, provided critical research
3 and information, and encouraged a rigorous review of complex issues confronting
4 communities, states, and the nation; and

5 **WHEREAS** NCSL strives to strengthen the bonds between the nation's state
6 legislatures and the international community;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes and commends the
8 National Conference of State Legislatures for its superb leadership and its commitment to the
9 legislative institution.