

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Honoring the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and**
2 **celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia,
5 Pennsylvania, on July 4, 1776, a date that is recognized as the birthday of the United States of
6 America; and

7 **WHEREAS** the 56 patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence are John
8 Adams, Samuel Adams, Josiah Bartlett, Carter Braxton, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Samuel
9 Chase, Abraham Clark, George Clymer, William Ellery, William Floyd, Benjamin Franklin,
10 Elbridge Gerry, Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, John Hancock, Benjamin Harrison, John Hart,
11 Joseph Hewes, Thomas Heyward, Jr., William Hooper, Stephen Hopkins, Francis Hopkinson,
12 Samuel Huntington, Thomas Jefferson, Francis Lightfoot Lee, Richard Henry Lee, Francis
13 Lewis, Philip Livingston, Thomas Lynch, Jr., Thomas McKean, Arthur Middleton, Lewis
14 Morris, Robert Morris, John Morton, Thomas Nelson, Jr., William Paca, Robert Treat Paine,
15 John Penn, George Read, Ceasar Rodney, George Ross, Dr. Benjamin Rush, Edward
16 Rutledge, Roger Sherman, James Smith, Richard Stockton, Thomas Stone, George Taylor,

1 Matthew Thornton, George Walton, William Whipple, William Williams, James Wilson, John
2 Witherspoon, Oliver Wolcott, and George Wythe; and

3 **WHEREAS** the Declaration of Independence outlines the founding principles of the
4 United States of America by declaring "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men
5 are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that
6 among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"; and

7 **WHEREAS** signing the Declaration of Independence was a critical part of the
8 Revolutionary War, which ended when the Treaty of Paris was signed on September 3, 1783,
9 and granted the United States of America independence from Great Britain; and

10 **WHEREAS** over the past 250 years there have been many efforts to expand the rights
11 of all citizens to uphold that self-evident truth, including ending slavery, expanding voting
12 rights to women and citizens of all races, expanding civil rights for all citizens, pursuing equal
13 rights by ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment, continuing efforts to respect and
14 acknowledge the Indigenous communities who, for thousands of years, have stewarded the
15 land that comprises the United States, and much more; and

16 **WHEREAS** July 4, 2026, will be the 250th anniversary of the signing of the
17 Declaration of Independence;

18 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature honors the 250th anniversary of
19 the Declaration of Independence and the 250th birthday of the United States of America and
20 encourages residents of the state to celebrate this milestone.