

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Expressing gratitude for the United States military and supporting increased defense**
2 **readiness through infrastructure development and public-military partnerships.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the armed forces of the United States is essential to the safety, economy,
5 and identity of the state; and

6 **WHEREAS** increased military presence is critical to the state's economic and
7 demographic growth; and

8 **WHEREAS** the state is honored to be home to over 59,000 veterans, the highest
9 percentage of any other state, reflecting the state's connection to the armed forces; and

10 **WHEREAS** the unique geography and strategic access to the Arctic and Indo-Pacific
11 make the state critical to defense readiness, Arctic security, and allied operations; and

12 **WHEREAS** the caliber of military installations in the state is unmatched, including
13 Eielson Air Force Base, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Clear Space Force Station, Fort
14 Wainwright, Fort Greely, Coast Guard Base Kodiak, Coast Guard Base Ketchikan, Coast
15 Guard Sector Southeast Alaska, and Coast Guard Sector Western Alaska and U.S. Arctic and
16 numerous additional installations, training areas, and stations critical to national defense; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in the past decade, military installations in the state have seen substantial
2 personnel growth, including Eielson Air Force Base adding more than 1,000 airmen, a more
3 than a 50 percent increase in personnel, and Coast Guard Base Kodiak adding more than
4 1,200 coastguardsman, a more than 100 percent increase in personnel; and

5 **WHEREAS** planned military expansion includes additional KC-135 tanker
6 squadrons, Arctic security icebreakers, fast response cutters, missile defense systems, and
7 unmanned aerial systems, representing long-term strategic investment in the state and the
8 need for additional civilian support infrastructure; and

9 **WHEREAS** the state has a responsibility to support its military members and families
10 with sufficient, quality housing, schools, utilities, and services that allow the military
11 members to focus on the members' missions and encourage long-term residence in the state;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS** communities near military installations often face housing shortages that
14 negatively affect both service members and local residents; and

15 **WHEREAS** housing shortages are likely to compound as military expansion
16 accelerates; and

17 **WHEREAS** the state has a direct interest in providing sufficient support for military
18 installations to ensure the installations remain viable accompanied assignments rather than
19 being designated hardship posts; and

20 **WHEREAS** enhanced-use leases enable private development of housing on
21 underused military land, reducing housing costs for residents of the state while providing
22 housing for service members and families; and

23 **WHEREAS** dual-use facilities, such as warm-storage facilities, increase defense
24 readiness while providing natural disaster shelters and saving the state money;

25 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes and expresses
26 gratitude for the service and sacrifice of the men and women who protect the state; and be it

27 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the expansion of
28 state military bases, dual-use facilities, and public-military partnerships, including enhanced-
29 use leases, to ensure adequate housing, infrastructure, and resources for service members and
30 families.

31 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President

1 of the United States; the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and
2 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Pete Hegseth, United States Secretary of Defense;
3 the Honorable Markwayne Mullin, United States Secretary of Homeland Security; the
4 Honorable Daniel Driscoll, United States Secretary of the Army; the Honorable John Phelan,
5 Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Dr. Troy E. Meink, Secretary of the Air Force; and the
6 Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the
7 Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
8 Congress.