

BY THE STATEHOOD AND FEDERAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA IN REGULAR

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SESSION ASSEMBLED:

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WHEREAS, March 30th marks the 90th anniversary of the
8 conclusion of the Treaty of Cession of Alaska from Russia to the
9 United States of America; and

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WHEREAS, Article III of the Treaty of Cession admitted
11 inhabitants of the ceded area to "the enjoyment of all the rights,
12 advantages and immunities of citizens of the United States" and
13 thereby gave initial and unique promise of Alaska's attaining,
14 among these rights and advantages, self government in the American
15 tradition; and

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WHEREAS, many such rights, advantages and immunities have
17 been denied the citizens of Alaska because of its Territorial
18 status; and

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WHEREAS, it has been adequately demonstrated during ninety
20 years that Alaskans firmly believe in and adhere to the principles
21 of constitutional government; and

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WHEREAS, the people of Alaska have manifested their belief
23 in such principles by adopting a constitution for the State of
24 Alaska, which contains the same safeguards and insures the same
25 rights as the Constitution of the United States;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Territory
27 of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, that March 30, 1957
28 be further designated "Liberation Day" and that the people of
29 Alaska on this date celebrate their liberation from Russian

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1 colonial bondage; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States
3 be urged to grant statehood to Alaska by March 30, 1957 and further
4 resolved that should Alaska's quest for statehood be realized by
5 March 30, 1957, that this day now known as "Seward Day", also be
6 designated "Statehood Day".

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