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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the clean-up of oil

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spills.

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

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WHEREAS it is universally acknowledged that oil is potentially one of

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the most harmful substances to the natural environment in general use today;

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WHEREAS oil spills in Alaska, most recently off Kodiak Island, made

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irreparable destruction of plant and animal life a reality; and

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WHEREAS, recognizing the fact that continued pollution is inevitable

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as long as oil is transported over open water or land, it is of the utmost

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importance that adequate and immediate means be provided to clean up future

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oil spills, especially in the critical areas of Drift River, Valdez and

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Prudhoe Bay; and

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WHEREAS presently the state has the necessary legal authority to deal

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with water pollution under AS 46.05 and a Department of Health and Welfare

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task force has been meeting intermittently on the problem of oil spills,

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but, notwithstanding these actions, concrete clean-up measures have not been

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put into effect for the future;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-

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quests the Governor to direct the Department of Health and Welfare to either

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place state personnel or contract with private industry so that on-site

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men and materials will be available at various oil transportation locations

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for immediate clean-up of oil spills.

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