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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the bicentennial cele-
6 bration.

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

8 WHEREAS the year 1976 A.D. will mark the 200th anniversary of American
9 independence; and

10 WHEREAS this bicentennial year will be observed in each of the sovereign
11 states by appropriate programs developed through state leadership and
12 community participation, and many other states have already begun the neces-
13 sary planning; and

14 WHEREAS Alaska has among its population many scholars, artists, per-
15 forming artists, patriotic and civic organizations, historians and others
16 whose participation in observance of the bicentennial year should be
17 encouraged; and

18 WHEREAS beginning with the writing of The Declaration of Independence
19 the American idea of government has been a symbol of hope for all men
20 aspiring to freedom, and has contributed to the world invaluable concepts
21 for self-government including the Bill of Rights, the system of "checks and
22 balances", and the concept of federalism in which the power of government is
23 shared between sovereign states and the federal government; and

24 WHEREAS the 200th anniversary of American independence should be marked
25 by observances in every Alaska community and the state should provide leader-
26 ship to encourage local participation in commemorating the birthday of our
27 country;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor is respect-
29 fully requested to formulate plans for celebration of the bicentennial year

1 in Alaska by the state and its local communities and to present to the
2 Seventh Legislature, Second Session, preliminary recommendations regarding
3 Alaska's participation in the bicentennial celebration.

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