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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the Bureau of Land

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Management's Brooks Range proposed

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classification area.

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

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WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Alaska, art. VIII, declares

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it is state policy to encourage the settlement of its lands and the develop-

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ment of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent

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with the public interest; and

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WHEREAS the state recognizes the right of discovery and appropriation

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of minerals subject to the mining laws of the United States; and

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WHEREAS the Legislature of the State of Alaska has charged the Depart-

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ment of Natural Resources with the responsibility on all matters affecting

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exploration, development and mining of the mineral resources of the state

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and assisting miners and prospectors; and

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WHEREAS the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior

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proposes a classification in the Brooks Range which partially excludes

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mineral development, prospecting, and state selection; and

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WHEREAS the Division of Geological Survey in the Department of Natural

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Resources is planning a concentrated mineral survey effort in the proposed

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classified area;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventh Alaska State Legislature, in recognition

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of the vital importance of the mineral development in the State of Alaska,

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strongly urges the Department of the Interior to postpone the classification

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of this area until geological field studies can be conducted.

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COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.

1 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,
2 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson,
3 U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs
4 Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chairman
5 of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the Honorable
6 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
7 Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
8 Congress.

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