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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the classification of
6 certain Alaska land.

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

8 WHEREAS the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act provides for the
9 creation of or the addition to existing national parks, forests, wildlife
10 refuges, and wild and scenic rivers a total of eighty million acres; and

11 WHEREAS eighty million acres equals approximately one-quarter of the
12 total land area of the State of Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS the federal government, by December of 1973, will make the
14 necessary decisions as to which land will be classified and taken permanently
15 into the federal land system; and

16 WHEREAS the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission has advisory
17 powers only to the Secretary of the Interior regarding this pending classi-
18 fication of eighty million acres of land in Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS the creation of or additions to our national parks, wildlife
20 refuges, national forests, and wild and scenic rivers of eighty million acres
21 of land will have an extremely heavy impact on the lives of Alaskans in urban
22 and rural areas alike; and

23 WHEREAS it is of the utmost importance that Alaska's citizens have an
24 opportunity to comment on the many different proposals that will be made for
25 federal use and classification of these eighty million acres before the
26 proposals are sent to Congress for its approval;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Depart-
28 ments of the Interior and Agriculture, as well as all other involved agencies
29 of the federal government, are urgently requested to hold public hearings in

1 Alaska through utilization of the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning
2 Commission on all proposals for the classification of land as provided for
3 in section 17-D-2 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act before any
4 consolidation of the various proposals for presentation to the United States
5 Congress; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land Use Planning Commission, Department of
7 Interior, and all other federal agencies involved are strongly urged to
8 adopt multiple use land classifications wherever in the best interest of
9 the people of the state.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
11 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,
12 Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Earl Butz, Secretary,
13 Department of Agriculture; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
14 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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