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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the state's selection from
6 public land.

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

8 WHEREAS, under section 6(a) of the Alaska Statehood Act, the State of
9 Alaska is entitled to select, within 25 years after becoming a state, up to
10 400,000 acres of land within national forests in Alaska which is vacant and
11 unappropriated at the time of its selection for the purposes of furthering
12 the development and expansion of communities; and

13 WHEREAS the state is entitled to select another 400,000 acres from the
14 other public land in Alaska which is vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved
15 at the time of its selection, all of which shall be adjacent to established
16 communities or suitable for prospective community centers and recreational
17 areas; and

18 WHEREAS since achieving statehood many Alaskan communities have undergone
19 vast expansion and many others have an immediate need to expand; and

20 WHEREAS Alaska's population is increasing at an ever higher and higher
21 rate each year and it is essential that Alaskan communities be able to under-
22 take orderly expansion and development;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
24 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Natural Resources,
25 Division of Lands, to immediately take all action necessary to expedite the
26 selection of public land provided for under section 6(a) of the Alaska
27 Statehood Act.

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