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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Amending the inherent rights section of

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the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

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

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* Section 1. Article I, sec. 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska

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is amended to read:

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SECTION 1. INHERENT RIGHTS. This constitution is dedicated to

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the principles that all persons have a natural right to life, liberty,

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the pursuit of happiness, and the enjoyment of the rewards of their

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own industry; that all persons are equal and entitled to equal rights,

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opportunities, and protection under the law; and that all persons have

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corresponding obligations to the people and to the State. This section

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includes the recognition that inherent in the right to life, liberty,

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and the pursuit of happiness is the need of all persons for a livable

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environment of clean air, clean water, clean land, scenic beauty and

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quiet. The right of every person to fulfill this need is inalienable.

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* Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed

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before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity

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with art. XIII, sec. 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the

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