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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to section 17(d)(2) of the Alaska

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Native Claims Settlement Act.

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

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WHEREAS section 17(d)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

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(ANCSA) provides for the withdrawal of up to 80 million acres of unreserved

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public land in Alaska for addition to or creation of new National Park,

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Forest, Wildlife Refuge, and Wild and Scenic Rivers Systems; and

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WHEREAS the allocation and management of land under section 17(d)(2) of

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the ANCSA will, in part, determine major land use patterns in Alaska, affect

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the future recovery of needed resources, influence the protection and preser-

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vation of unique and sensitive environmental and ecological features, and

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impact the economic and social well-being of Alaska's population; and

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WHEREAS the designation of land under the various systems and the

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management of that land under the principles governing those systems is ex-

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tremely critical to the continued use and effective management of all land

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in Alaska, and thus a matter of great concern to the people of the state; and

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WHEREAS the withdrawals and management units are in very large blocks of

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hundreds of thousands and even millions of acres each, many of these having

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social and economic values as well as environmental and ecological values;

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WHEREAS it is difficult in the present to accurately foresee state and

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national needs and priorities twenty and thirty years into the future; and

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WHEREAS the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska

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has recommended the establishment of a National Land Reserve System for

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national interest land containing multiple resource values;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that (1) the Congress
2 consider 80 million acres to be the absolute maximum amount of land in the
3 State of Alaska dealt with under the provisions of section 17(d)(2) of the
4 ANCSA; and (2) in view of the difficulty of predicting long-range priorities,
5 the Congress designate maximum amounts of that land for classification under
6 a system or systems that would allow for multiple economic, social, environ-
7 mental and ecological uses within the same classification; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior direct that the
9 National Park, Wildlife Refuge, and Wild and Scenic Rivers Systems, be
10 managed so that their primary purpose is accomplished while also allowing
11 minor amounts of other and perhaps conflicting uses.

12 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
13 President of the United States; the Honorable Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary-
14 Designate of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Robert S. Bergland,
15 Secretary-Designate of the Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Burton
16 Silcock and the Honorable Walter Parker, Co-Chairmen, Federal-State Land Use
17 Planning Commission; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
18 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative,
19 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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