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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Urging the Governor to support

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Nevada's legal challenge to federal

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control of public land in that state.

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

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WHEREAS over 90 percent of all federal land is located in 12 western

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states; and

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WHEREAS federal land in the western states is subject to overregulation

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and undue restrictions imposed on its use by the federal government; and

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WHEREAS the constant changes in federal regulations and the resulting

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confusion have created arbitrary and unreasonable limits to community growth,

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agricultural, mineral, energy and recreational resource development; and

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WHEREAS the western states were not admitted to the Union on an equal

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footing with the original 13 states which retained a majority of their land

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in state ownership; and

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WHEREAS the State of Nevada has initiated a course of action leading to

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a responsible legal challenge to federal land policies by enacting legisla-

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tion which declares state ownership of certain federal land; and

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WHEREAS the State of Alaska is in a similar position to the State of

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Nevada, since, apart from Native-owned land, less than one third of one per-

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cent of Alaska's land is in private ownership;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it supports the

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concept of the Nevada challenge to federal control of its land; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges

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the Governor to join Nevada as an "intervenor" or, in the alternative, as a

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"friend of the court" if a federal court test of the Nevada statute is

1 initiated.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the presiding officer of each
3 house of the following state legislatures: Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa,
4 Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New
5 Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada,
6 California, Utah, and Arizona.

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