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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting all branches of state

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government to cease authorization of

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travel to states which have failed to

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ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to

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the U. S. Constitution.

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

11 WHEREAS thirty-five states have ratified the 27th Amendment to the
12 United States Constitution providing that "equality of rights under the law
13 shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on
14 account of sex"; and

15 WHEREAS the legislatures of the states of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas,
16 Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North
17 Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia have failed to ratify
18 the amendment; and

19 WHEREAS the State of Alaska, ever in the forefront of furthering and
20 defending individual rights, was among the first of the states to ratify the
21 27th Amendment and wishes to continue to provide support to the efforts to
22 secure ratification by the three states whose approval is still required for
23 adoption of the amendment; and

24 WHEREAS the State of Alaska should define and enforce a policy by which
25 state officials and employees may not travel by assignment or direction of an
26 agency, department or branch of state government, at state expense, to any
27 state which has not ratified the 27th Amendment to the Constitution of the
28 United States;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully

1 requests Governor Jay Hammond, Chief Justice Jay Rabinowitz, Legislative
2 Affairs Agency Executive Director Myrton Charney, and University of Alaska
3 President Jay Barton to establish and enforce a policy for officers and
4 employees in their respective branches of state government and the University
5 of Alaska prohibiting the authorization and reimbursement of expenses of
6 travel to any state which has not ratified the 27th Amendment; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that this travel policy may be relaxed with the prior
8 written approval of the individuals named, or persons delegated by them to
9 give prior approval for out-of-state travel, only in exceptional instances in
10 which the best interests of the State of Alaska require official travel to a
11 destination in a state which has not ratified the 27th Amendment, on a
12 specific finding by the state officer or his delegate describing the
13 interests of the state which would be served by authorizing this travel and
14 the purposes which would be served by authorizing the travel.

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