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1 IN THE HOUSE

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SENATE CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the federal census.

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

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WHEREAS art. I, sec. 22 of the Alaska Constitution guarantees that the

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right of the people to privacy is recognized, shall not be infringed and

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directs the legislature to implement this section; and

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WHEREAS art. III, sec. 16 of the Alaska Constitution directs that the

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governor shall be responsible for the faithful execution of the laws and

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further directs that the governor and attorney general may, by appropriate

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court action or proceeding brought in the name of the state, enforce com-

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pliance with any constitutional mandate; and

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WHEREAS a citizen's right to privacy is an implicit right guaranteed by

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the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution; and

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WHEREAS the 1980 federal census is currently being conducted throughout

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the state and will be conducted in all urban areas of the state on April 1,

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1980; and

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WHEREAS the legitimate constitutional reasons for the taking of the

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federal census include the apportionment of the House of Representatives in

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Congress, the apportionment of the state legislatures, and the apportionment

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of other taxes, duties and contributions enumerated in the United State

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Constitution, but do not include unnecessary intrusions into the private

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lives of the state's citizens; and

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WHEREAS a significant number of census forms contain questions that

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infringe upon the privacy interests and rights of Alaska citizens; some of

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those rights intruded upon include questions regarding the person's income,

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physical and mental health conditions, reasons for being married more than

1 once, ancestry, and specific questions intruding upon the private rights of
2 women with regard to pregnancies and children;

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that all citizens of
4 Alaska are urged to answer those questions on the federal census which are
5 necessary to enumerate the people of the State of Alaska for purposes of
6 apportionment of the House of Representatives in Congress, the apportionment
7 of the state legislature, and the apportionment of other taxes, duties and
8 contributions set forth in the United States Constitution; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska congressional delegation take prompt,
10 vigorous, and effective steps to ensure the enactment of amendments to the
11 census laws and the adoption of amendments to regulations promulgated under
12 the census laws to prevent unnecessary intrusions into the privacy of the
13 citizens of this state and nation.

14 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
15 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
16 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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