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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 per cent of all federal land is located in 12 western
10 states; and

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WHEREAS federal land in the western states is subject to overregulation
12 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
14 confusion have created arbitrary and unreasonable limits to community growth,
15 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
17 footing with the original 13 states which retained a majority of their land
18 in state ownership; and

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WHEREAS the State of Nevada has initiated a proper course of action
20 leading to a responsible legal challenge to federal land policies by enacting
21 legislation 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
23 Nevada, since, apart from Native-owned land, less than one third of one per
24 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
26 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
28 the Governor to join Nevada as a "friend of the court" if a federal court
29 test of the Nevada statute is initiated.

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