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1 IN THE SENATE

BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Expressing disappointment in and
6 disapproval of President Carter's
7 recent withdrawal of Alaska land
8 under the Antiquities Act.

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

10 WHEREAS the recent action taken by President Carter in withdrawing
11 approximately 56 million acres of land in Alaska as "national monuments"
12 under the Antiquities Act was an impulsive act and an abuse of executive
13 discretion; and

14 WHEREAS the action was unnecessary in that there was no imminent danger
15 to the withdrawn land or to any of the purposes professed to be protected by
16 the withdrawal; and

17 WHEREAS the withdrawal violates the purpose of the Alaska Statehood Act
18 and is the latest in a series of frustrations experienced by the state in
19 attempting to obtain what was promised to it upon becoming a state; and

20 WHEREAS the President, in making the withdrawal, demonstrated a callous
21 and unfair indifference to the desires of some Alaskans to pursue a tradi-
22 tional lifestyle including hunting, fishing, trapping, and access to the
23 land; and

24 WHEREAS the President's action interferes with and interrupts the legis-
25 lative process, a process which is the most appropriate method for deter-
26 mining a solution to any problems which may exist with these lands and which
27 at least offers to all concerned parties an opportunity to express their
28 positions;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its dismay at

1 and opposition to the unjust action taken by the President under the Anti-
2 quities Act on December 1, 1978.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
4 President of the United States; the Honorable Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of
5 the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Energy and
6 Natural Resources Committee; the Honorable Morris K. Udall, Chairman, House
7 Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
8 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
9 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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