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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Encouraging the Alaska Congressional
6 delegation to work together to re-
7 solve the problems created by the
8 President's imposition of the
9 Antiquities Act on lands in Alaska.

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

11 WHEREAS, the President has used the Antiquities Act to resolve Alaska's
12 d-2 land issue; and

13 WHEREAS, the President in using the Antiquities Act failed to convey
14 entitled lands to either the State of Alaska or the Natives; failed to pro-
15 vide adequate access across federal lands; made unacceptable incursions into
16 state management of fish and game; virtually prohibited the possibility of
17 developing certain known highly valuable mineral resources and foreclosed
18 many traditional land uses; and

19 WHEREAS, Alaskans believe these actions illegal and find presidential
20 imposition of the Antiquities Act a totally unacceptable resolution of the
21 Alaska lands issue; and

22 WHEREAS, although important in the long run, heavy reliance on court
23 challenges before Congressional action is strategically inappropriate; and

24 WHEREAS, until Congress acts on Alaska lands legislation, the Antiqui-
25 ties Act will remain the law of the land;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges our Congressional
27 delegation to work together towards passage of Alaska lands legislation this
28 session which will revoke the President's imposition of the Antiquities Act;
29 convey all lands to which Alaska and the Natives are entitled; eliminate

1 federal incursion into the state's right to manage its fish and game re-
2 sources; exempt highly valuable mineral deposits from inclusion in federal
3 systems which obviate development; provide access across federal lands to
4 state and private lands; and retain, to the maximum extent, traditional usage
5 of federal lands; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that our Congressional delegation support passage of
7 Alaska lands legislation this year so long as it is an improvement in all the
8 above categories over conditions which otherwise will prevail under the
9 Antiquities Act should no Alaska lands legislation be passed and it precludes
10 the President and the Secretary of the Interior from establishing or adding
11 to any conservation system unit within Alaska by means of any executive or
12 administrative authority.

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

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