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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the Governor to proclaim
6 a Declaration of War on Crime in
7 Alaska.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS the traditional lifestyle in Alaska is open, warm, and informal,
10 based on the needs of a small population living in a vast area; and

11 WHEREAS the relative freedom from crime and the fear of crime which
12 Alaskans have enjoyed in the past is a vital part of our open society; and

13 WHEREAS crime has increased in Alaska and is continuing to increase;
14 and

15 WHEREAS the direct harm caused by crime to the victim and the public is
16 not tolerable; and

17 WHEREAS the indirect harm caused by fear of crime includes loss of
18 trust, warmth and openness, creating loss of freedom to live as we should
19 and must if our traditional lifestyle is to continue; and

20 WHEREAS a broad social approach which encompasses enforcement, local
21 autonomy, prevention, and education is necessary to substantially reduce
22 crime and the fear of crime; and

23 WHEREAS recognition of the problem and a determination to actively
24 combat the problem on a broad front as we have done with the closely related
25 problem of alcohol abuse is a major first step; and

26 WHEREAS a total commitment by the people and the government of Alaska
27 is required to combat the problem of crime in Alaska, just as a total commit-
28 ment is required to defend our freedom from other assaults on freedom; and

29 WHEREAS freedom from crime and the fear of crime is a right that

1 government was created to protect;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Senate urges the Governor to proclaim a
3 Declaration of War on Crime in Alaska to be waged with the full personal
4 commitment of the Governor to use all resources available to the state for a
5 broad approach to combat this enemy of the people.

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