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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7 am

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting the Governor to proclaim

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a Declaration of War on Crime in

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Alaska.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

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WHEREAS the traditional lifestyle in Alaska is open, warm, and informal,

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based on the needs of a small population living in a vast area; and

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WHEREAS the relative freedom from crime and the fear of crime which

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Alaskans have enjoyed in the past is a vital part of our open society; and

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

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WHEREAS the direct harm caused by crime to the victim and the public is

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not tolerable; and

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WHEREAS the indirect harm caused by fear of crime includes loss of

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trust, warmth and openness, creating loss of freedom to live as we should

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and must if our traditional lifestyle is to continue; and

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WHEREAS a broad social approach which encompasses enforcement, local

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autonomy, prevention, and education is necessary to substantially reduce

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crime and the fear of crime; and

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WHEREAS recognition of the problem and a determination to actively

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combat the problem on a broad front as we have done with the closely related

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problem of alcohol and drug abuse is a major first step; and

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WHEREAS a total commitment by the people and the government of Alaska is

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required to combat the problem of crime in Alaska, just as a total commitment

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is required to defend our other basic freedoms from those who would take them

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from us; and

1       WHEREAS freedom from crime and the fear of crime is a right that  
2 government was created to protect;

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

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