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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to executive appointments of

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the governor.

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

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WHEREAS the constitution commits to the governor the authority to make

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executive appointments; and

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WHEREAS the constitution also commits to the governor the responsibil-

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ity for the faithful execution of the laws; and

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WHEREAS the responsibility of the governor to execute the law faith-

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fully includes the responsibility to appoint as public officers of the

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state individuals who are also committed to the faithful execution of the

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laws; and

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WHEREAS a responsibility cast upon the public officers in the execu-

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tive branch is the "settlement of its land and the development of its

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resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the

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public interest" (art. VIII, sec. 1); and

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WHEREAS among the additional responsibilities cast upon public offi-

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cers in the executive branch is the responsibility to implement the laws

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providing "for the utilization, development, and conservation of all the

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natural resources belonging to the State, . . . for the maximum benefit of

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its people" (art. VIII, sec. 2); and

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WHEREAS the constitution also requires a commitment from public offi-

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cers in the executive branch that "Fish, forests, wildlife, grasslands, and

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all other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall be utilized,

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developed, and maintained on a sustained yield principle, subject to pref-

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erences among beneficial uses" (art. VIII, sec. 4); and

1 WHEREAS the constitution directs that the "legislature may provide for
2 facilities, improvements, and services to assure greater utilization,
3 development, reclamation, and settlement of lands, and to assure fuller
4 utilization and development of the fisheries, wildlife, and waters" of the
5 state (art. VIII, sec. 5); and

6 WHEREAS the people of the state have a right to expect that the gover-
7 nor will consider that each executive appointment made will reflect a
8 commitment on the part of the appointees to the faithful execution of the
9 laws; and

10 WHEREAS the constitution commits to the legislature the authority to
11 review the qualifications of executive appointments under the power of the
12 legislature to confirm those appointments; and

13 WHEREAS the legislature expects appointees of the governor to bring
14 with them a commitment to the faithful execution of the laws;

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is
16 encouraged to nominate for public office in the state individuals who bring
17 with them a commitment to the faithful execution of the constitution and
18 laws of the state; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor and the heads of the principal
20 departments are encouraged to monitor in an ongoing manner the commitment
21 of the departments to the faithful execution of the constitution and laws
22 of the state; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the heads of principal departments appoint
24 public officers in the departments who are committed to the faithful exe-
25 cution of the constitution and laws of the state.