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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the proposal by Congress of
6 an Equal Rights Amendment.

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

8 WHEREAS the first action of the Alaska Territorial Legislature in 1913
9 was to give women the right to vote; and

10 WHEREAS in 1972, shortly after the Equal Rights Amendment was passed
11 by the United States Congress, Alaska was among the first states to ratify
12 the proposed amendment; and

13 WHEREAS, effective October 14, 1972, the Constitution of the State of
14 Alaska was amended by a vote of the people to include a provision that no
15 person is to be denied the enjoyment of any civil or political right
16 because of sex; and

17 WHEREAS the state constitutional provision guaranteeing the rights of
18 women has been a valuable tool in Alaska and has enhanced the ability of
19 all citizens, not just women, to achieve their full potential; and

20 WHEREAS negative results predicted by opponents of the state provision
21 guaranteeing the rights of women have not materialized and the constitu-
22 tional amendment has not presented any difficulties of any sort; and

23 WHEREAS the people of a state are free and equal only when all citi-
24 zens enjoy the same rights; and

25 WHEREAS the people of the State of Alaska wish to have the Congress
26 again propose an Equal Rights Amendment to the States for their considera-
27 tion;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is
29 respectfully requested to again propose an amendment to the United States

1 Constitution guaranteeing equal rights to women.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
3 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
4 Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representa-
5 tives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,
6 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
7 the Alaska delegation in Congress.