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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the bicentenary of the

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United States Constitution.

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

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WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States is the oldest written

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frame of government that has been in continuous use by a free people on

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earth; and

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WHEREAS government under the Constitution in America has provided an

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example of self-government that has inspired a yearning for freedom all

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over the world; and

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WHEREAS the bicentenary of the Constitution in 1987 is also the 211th

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year of the independence of the United States; and

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WHEREAS the State of Alaska proudly takes its place among the Union of

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States under the Constitution; and

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WHEREAS in anticipation of the 200th anniversary of the American

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Constitution, we should take the opportunity to celebrate our freedom and

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to reflect on the frame of government that makes it possible; and

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WHEREAS the Constitution is often cited, less often read, and too

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often taken for granted by citizens who owe their place in a free govern-

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ment to its wise dispositions; and

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WHEREAS this anniversary offers us a splendid opportunity to examine

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and strengthen the foundations of our democratic republic by encouraging

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public discussion and observance of the Constitution in out cities and

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villages, in our schools and universities;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

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the Governor to appoint a commission to commemorate the bicentenary of the

1 Constitution of the United States of America; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the year 1987 shall be proclaimed the Year of
3 the Constitution of the United States of America, to be commemorated by
4 appropriate public observances for citizens throughout the state.