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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 bicentennial celebration

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of the United States Constitution.

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

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WHEREAS 1987 marks the 200th anniversary of the Constitutional Conven-  
9 tion that crafted the Constitution upon which the laws of the United States  
10 are founded; and

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WHEREAS 1988 marks the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the  
12 United States Constitution by the states; and

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WHEREAS 1989 marks the 200th anniversary of the establishment of our  
14 federal government under the new Constitution, and the inauguration of  
15 President George Washington; and

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WHEREAS the United States Constitution has endured 200 years of the  
17 most tumultuous, rapidly-advancing era of human history, yet remains effec-  
18 tive as a living, adaptable instrument of the people; and

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WHEREAS the Constitution's survivability is a testament to the intel-  
20 ligence and forethought of its framers; and

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WHEREAS the United States Constitution has served as the model upon  
22 which individual state constitutions have been constructed; and

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WHEREAS our form of constitutional government continues to shine as an  
24 example to freedom-loving people throughout the world; and

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WHEREAS a deep-seated understanding by the general public of our  
26 Constitution and its institutions has been fundamental to the continuance  
27 of our freedoms; and

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WHEREAS the bicentennial of the Constitution provides an excellent  
29 opportunity to expand and strengthen our understanding of it;

1        BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
2 the Governor to request the Alaska Historical Commission to work together  
3 with the University of Alaska Board of Regents, local school boards  
4 throughout the state, local service clubs and their affiliates, as well as  
5 any other interested groups to commemorate the bicentennial of the United  
6 States Constitution during 1987, 1988, and 1989; and be it

7        FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is encouraged to  
8 develop a program for the school year 1987 - 1988 that puts special empha-  
9 sis in history and government classes on the study of the United States  
10 Constitution, its history and its significance to our lives today; and be  
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12        FURTHER RESOLVED that the celebrants are encouraged to honor the  
13 United States Constitution through public forums and debates on the funda-  
14 mentals of the Constitution and on its relationship to Alaska's constitu-  
15 tion, as well as through studies of the personalities and political con-  
16 victions of the persons who founded our nation and the institutions that  
17 have been built upon the constitutional foundation.