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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to use of Alaska products and

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services.

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

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WHEREAS the state needs to develop and maintain a strong, stable, and

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prosperous economic base; and

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WHEREAS the use of products manufactured, grown, or produced in Alaska

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strengthens, stabilizes, and diversifies the state's economy; and

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WHEREAS all residents of the state can play a vital role in the

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state's economy by purchasing and using state goods and services; and

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WHEREAS individuals, businesses, and governmental agencies too fre-

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quently purchase and use out-of-state products and services, which reduces

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the number of jobs available for state residents and weakens the economy of

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the state; and

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WHEREAS, if more Alaska products and services provided by Alaska

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residents were used by governmental and private entities in the state, more

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jobs would be created and retained in the state; and

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WHEREAS the bid documents for public and private contracts frequently

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do not specify the use of available Alaska products, comparable out-of-

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state goods are purchased instead, and these purchases result in a loss of

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revenue for the state and weaken the state's economic base; and

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WHEREAS private and public service contracts are frequently awarded to

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out-of-state firms although state residents are fully capable of providing

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the same services at comparable prices; and

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WHEREAS Alaska suppliers, manufacturers, and providers of services are

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more accessible and responsive to the needs of the state's business

1 community than their out-of-state counterparts;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
3 the Governor to examine the purchasing practices of the executive branch
4 and ensure that the executive branch complies with all statutory require-
5 ments dealing with the purchase and use of Alaska products and services;
6 and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully re-
8 quests the judicial branch, the University of Alaska, and the Alaska Rail-
9 road Corporation to examine their purchasing practices to determine if they
10 comply with all applicable statutory requirements dealing with the purchase
11 and use of Alaska products and services; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges all state
13 residents, businesses, civic organizations, municipalities, school dis-
14 tricts, and other public, quasi-public, and private entities to buy and use
15 Alaska products and services.

16 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Chief Justice of the
17 Supreme Court of the state; the President of the University of Alaska; the
18 commissioner of each department of the executive branch of the state; the
19 mayor of each municipality of the state; the superintendent of each school
20 district in the state; and to the chair of the board of directors of the
21 Alaska Railroad Corporation.