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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

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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 resident hire on a United

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States Department of Defense project at

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Amchitka Island.

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

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WHEREAS the rate of unemployment among residents of the state is one
10 of the highest in the nation; and

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WHEREAS the number of state residents who are unable to find work is
12 considerably higher than is reflected by unemployment rates based on na-
13 tionally accepted measures, in part because many rural state residents who
14 wish to work do not seek employment as frequently as necessary to meet
15 federal definitions of unemployment because of continuing lack of employ-
16 ment opportunities in rural areas of the state; and

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WHEREAS chronic unemployment leads to severe social problems including
18 alcoholism and domestic violence; and

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WHEREAS the state has one of the highest ratios of nonresident to
20 resident workers in the nation; and

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WHEREAS nonresident workers displace a substantial number of qual-
22 ified, available, unemployed Alaska workers; and

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WHEREAS section 8078 of the 1986 Defense Appropriations Act contained
24 requirements for local hire on Department of Defense contracts in Alaska;
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WHEREAS employment in the Aleutian Islands is intensely seasonal and
27 the region suffers from the effects of the high unemployment rate; and

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WHEREAS the Amchitka Island project of the Department of Defense is
29 located in the Aleutian Islands;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Depart
2 ment of Defense to comply with the Alaska hire provisions of the 1986
3 Defense Appropriations Act; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges the Department of Defense
5 to encourage residents of the Aleutian Islands to apply for work on the
6 Amchitka Island project and to give preference to them in hiring for the
7 project.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James H.
9 Webb, Secretary of the United States Navy; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
10 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
11 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.