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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Supporting the establishment of Ports

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Alaska.

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

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WHEREAS Alaska is a maritime state with 95 percent of its population

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along navigable waterways; and

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WHEREAS the future of the state is closely linked to the future of its

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ports; and

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WHEREAS Alaska's ice free ports at tide water are closer to the major

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trade centers of the North Pacific than any other ports in North America;

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WHEREAS Ports Alaska is a federation of independent ports in the state

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organized to cooperate in mutually beneficial projects; and

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WHEREAS the mission of Ports Alaska is to facilitate the realization

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of the maximum potential of Alaska's ports; and

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WHEREAS Ports Alaska supports the marketing and economic development

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of Alaska's ports; and

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WHEREAS it is important to develop a strategy to build a strong mari-

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time industry in the state, now that state and federal revenues and expen-

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ditures are declining;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the estab-

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lishment of Ports Alaska and the goal of Ports Alaska to maximize the

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potential of the state's ports and to foster a strong maritime industry in

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the state.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to each municipality in Alaska

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and to each harbor master and port director in Alaska.