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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting a hiring freeze for state

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employees.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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WHEREAS from September 1987 to September 1988 the actual number of

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state government employees increased by seven percent, an increase of over

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1,000 jobs; and

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WHEREAS 31.3 percent of the state operating budget for fiscal year

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1989 was allocated to the costs of personal services; and

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WHEREAS the Governor has proposed the addition of 307 new budgeted

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full-time equivalent positions in the fiscal year 1990 operating budget;

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WHEREAS the state is facing a budget deficit in excess of \$600,000,000

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in fiscal year 1990; and

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WHEREAS reduced spending for state operations will likely be necessary

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to meet the budget deficit; and

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WHEREAS the continued growth of the state budget must be halted in the

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face of declining oil revenues; and

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WHEREAS the decision to avoid hiring state employees rather than

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resorting to layoffs is fairer to current employees; and

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WHEREAS reducing the number of state positions through the process of

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attrition allows for both immediate and long-term savings in personnel

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costs;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests

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the Governor to institute an immediate hiring freeze.