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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to Kenai as a bicentennial city

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in 1991.

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

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WHEREAS over 6,000 years ago Eskimos and Indians settled and subsisted

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in the Kenai area; and

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WHEREAS on August 20, 1791, fur traders from Russia arrived in the

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harbor at the mouth of the Kenai River and settled the Kenai area; and

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WHEREAS this early colonization by the Russians has given Kenai the

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distinction of being the state's second oldest Russian settlement; and

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WHEREAS Kenai has since prospered and was designated by former Gover-

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nor Walter J. Hickel as the state's oil capital because the first discovery

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of oil in the state was made in the Swanson River in 1957; and

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WHEREAS Kenai, being located at the mouth of the world-renowned Kenai

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River, is a major commercial fisheries and processing port as well as the

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site where the world-record king salmon was caught; and

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WHEREAS the Kenai Bicentennial Visitors and Convention Bureau has been

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created to plan and develop a celebration in 1991 of the 200 years that

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have elapsed since the Russian-American relationship was established in

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Kenai;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes Kenai,

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Alaska, as a state bicentennial city and urges all citizens of the state to

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support Kenai and the Kenai Bicentennial Visitors and Convention Bureau in

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their endeavors and celebrations for Kenai's 200th anniversary in 1991.

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A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John

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Williams, Mayor of the City of Kenai.