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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Urging an appropriate level of funding

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for the land transfer and resource

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management programs of the Bureau of

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Land Management.

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

10 WHEREAS the Bureau of Land Management, United States Department of the  
11 Interior, manages 70,000,000 acres of the public land of the United States  
12 in Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS this land is a source of a wide variety of renewable and  
14 nonrenewable natural resources important to the citizens of the state; and

15 WHEREAS the Congress of the United States has charged the Bureau of  
16 Land Management with keeping the Nation's promises to convey public land to  
17 the state, to Native corporations, and to individual residents of the  
18 state; and

19 WHEREAS the state welcomes a partnership with the Bureau of Land  
20 Management to build a healthy economy while preserving the quality of life  
21 in the state through the wise use of all natural resources; and

22 WHEREAS many of the programs of the Bureau of Land Management that  
23 would benefit the nation and the residents of the state are seriously  
24 underfunded;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Secretary  
26 of the Interior and the director of the Bureau of Land Management actively  
27 to seek new funding in the conveyance and cadastral survey programs, fund-  
28 ing that would permit the bureau to expedite land transfers that were  
29 mandated by the Congress over 30 years ago; and be it

1        **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Secretary  
2 of the Interior and the director of the Bureau of Land Management to seek  
3 new funding for mineral resource development in the state as well as renew-  
4 able natural resource programs such as recreation, wildlife, and cultural  
5 that complement the state's tourism initiatives.

6        **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Manuel Luhan,  
7 Jr., Secretary of the Interior; to the Honorable David C. O'Neal, Assistant  
8 Secretary for Land and Minerals Management; to Delos Cy Jamison, Director  
9 of the Bureau of Land Management; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
10 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
11 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.