

1 IN THE SENATE

BY HALFORD

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Proclaiming September 24, 1989, as

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United States Marshals' Bicentennial

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Day.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS the office of United States marshal was created by an act of  
10 the first United States Congress that became law on September 24, 1789; and

11 WHEREAS for more than a century after the establishment of the United  
12 States government in 1789, United States marshals provided the only nation-  
13 wide civilian police power available to the President, the Congress, and  
14 the courts; and

15 WHEREAS United States marshals have played a crucial role in most of  
16 the major episodes in United States history, from the Whiskey Rebellion of  
17 1794 through the reconstruction era following the Civil War to the enforce-  
18 ment of the civil rights acts of the 1960's; and

19 WHEREAS more than 300 United States marshals and deputy marshals have  
20 given their lives in the course of carrying out their law enforcement  
21 responsibilities; and

22 WHEREAS United States marshals and their deputies are today charged  
23 with responsibilities essential to the operation of the federal justice  
24 system, including the provision of security for the federal courts, the  
25 protection of judicial officers, the pursuit and arrest of fugitives from  
26 justice, the enforcement of court orders, and the management of seized  
27 criminal assets; and

28 WHEREAS through their consistent and tenacious dedication to duty  
29 since 1789, United States marshals and their deputies have made and

1 continue to make immeasurable contributions to the rule of law and the pro-  
2 tection of human rights through law in the United States;

3       BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate designates September 24, 1989, as  
4 United States Marshals' Bicentennial Day, and urges the Governor to issue a  
5 proclamation calling upon the people of the state to observe the day with  
6 appropriate ceremonies and activities.