

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES NAVARRE, Gruenberg, Ellis, G.Phillips**

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Referred: State Affairs**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to the City of Kenai as a bicentennial city in 1991.**

**2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**3 WHEREAS in the fall of 1791 Russian fur traders landed at the mouth of the Kenai River and  
4 established a post near the Dena'ina Athabaskan Indian village of Shk'ituk't; and**

**5 WHEREAS 1991 represents the 200th anniversary of this initial colonization; and**

**6 WHEREAS the City of Kenai has prospered throughout the years and has a long-standing  
7 tradition of being a village with a past and a city with a future; and**

**8 WHEREAS the City of Kenai has a healthy commercial fishing industry and bountiful resources  
9 for tourism and sport fishing; and**

**10 WHEREAS the City of Kenai was designated the oil capital of the state because the first  
11 discovery of oil in the state was made in the Swanson River area in 1957; and**

**12 WHEREAS the Kenai Bicentennial Visitors and Convention Bureau has been created to plan and  
13 develop a celebration in 1991 of the 200 years that have elapsed since the city's Russian-American  
14 relationship was established; and**

**15 WHEREAS the City of Kenai and its citizens have invited all citizens of the state to salute the  
16 city's rich and diverse past by joining in the celebration of its bicentennial;**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the City of Kenai, Alaska, as  
2 a state bicentennial city and urges all citizens of the state to support the City of Kenai and the Kenai  
3 Bicentennial Visitors and Convention Bureau in their endeavors and celebrations for the city's 200th  
4 anniversary in 1991.

5        A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John Williams, Mayor of the City of  
6 Kenai.