

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing the Alaska Women's Task Force.

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

3 WHEREAS the legislature recognizes the need for an official group to advise the legislature on
4 how to improve the status of women in the state; and

5 WHEREAS the legislature also recognizes the need for an official group to do research and be
6 a clearinghouse of information to help women make use of opportunities to improve their lives;

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Alaska Women's Task Force is
8 established to

9 (1) study and analyze all facts relating to Alaska laws, regulations, and guidelines with
10 respect to equal protection for women under the state constitution;

11 (2) accumulate and compile information concerning discrimination against women;

12 (3) recommend legislative and administrative action on equal treatment and opportunities
13 for women;

14 (4) act as a clearinghouse and coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental
15 information relating to the status of women;

16 (5) encourage women to use their capabilities at home and outside the home and to
17 assume leadership roles when they desire them;

1 (6) encourage the development of regional and municipal women's councils or
2 commissions; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska Women's Task Force is composed of the president of
4 the senate or a member of the senate appointed by the president, the speaker of the house or a member
5 of the house appointed by the speaker, four members of the public appointed by the president of the
6 senate, and four members of the public appointed by the speaker of the house; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the president of the senate and the speaker of the house shall
8 coordinate their appointments in a manner that gives due consideration to

9 (1) the recommendations made by civic organizations, women's organizations, educational
10 and vocational groups, employer groups, labor unions, church groups, homemakers's clubs and
11 organizations, and other groups having an interest in the welfare and status of women;

12 (2) statewide geographical representation;

13 (3) minority and low-income representation;

14 (4) representation of senior citizens, persons experiencing disabilities, and persons from
15 a variety of occupational categories; and

16 (5) representation of persons with different marital statuses and persons with various
17 numbers of children; and be it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in order to achieve its purposes, the Alaska Women's Task Force
19 may

20 (1) cooperate with public and private agencies in joint efforts;

21 (2) hold public hearings, conferences, and seminars to gather information and views and
22 to disseminate the results of its research;

23 (3) solicit and accept monetary gifts or grants from the federal government or an agency
24 of it, from any charitable foundation or professional association, or from any other reputable sources;

25 (4) create additional task forces composed of commission members and other experts;

26 (5) select and retain the services of consultants and otherwise contract with persons to
27 assist the task force in its duties; contracts under this provision are governed by the procurement
28 procedures of the Alaska Legislative Council and are subject to the approval of the council;

29 (6) hire an executive director and additional administrative staff; and be it

30 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as it performs its duties, the Alaska Women's Task Force shall
31 solicit and consider information and views from a variety of constituencies in order to represent the
32 broad spectrum of diversity that exists with respect to possible approaches for meeting women's needs

1 in the state; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force may meet during and between sessions of the
3 legislature and is terminated upon the convening of the First Session of the Eighteenth Alaska State
4 Legislature.