

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to pollution prevention, waste reduction, and recycling.

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

3 WHEREAS recycling saves energy, and 20 recycled cans can be made with the same energy that
4 it takes to make a single can from new material; and

5 WHEREAS recycling fights pollution, with glass recycling cutting related air pollution by 15
6 to 20 percent and aluminum recycling cutting related pollution by up to 95 percent; and

7 WHEREAS people in the United States recycle only one percent of the plastic that they use; and

8 WHEREAS the state's exposure to recycled products has been limited in the past but increased
9 public awareness and new waste reduction and recycled product preference laws have created new and
10 substantial demands for recycling and recycled products; and

11 WHEREAS the primary deterrents to recycling have been the unavailability of recycled products
12 and the lack of markets and coordinated marketing for the products; and

13 WHEREAS there is an ever increasing demand for recycled products in the state by
14 governmental agencies, businesses, and consumers; and

15 WHEREAS the Friends of Recycling, a Juneau-based organization, has organized a recycling
16 fair in Juneau for the weekend of April 26 - 27; and

17 WHEREAS two measures, Senate Joint Resolution 70 and House Joint Resolution 169, have

1 been introduced in the United States Congress to designate April 15 as National Recycling Day;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports designating April 15 as National
3 Recycling Day, as proposed by SJR 70 and HJR 169 in the United States Congress; and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates the week of April 21 - 27
5 as Waste Reduction and Recycling Week in the state to support the efforts of the Recycling Fair
6 organized by the Friends of Recycling in Juneau and to encourage other communities to hold similar
7 fairs; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature commends the City and Borough of
9 Juneau for participating in the Recycling Fair through its Citizens' Advisory Committee on Waste
10 Management; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests Governor Hickel to
12 participate in the Recycling Fair through his appointed group, the Governor's Task Force on Waste
13 Reduction and Recycling; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to send a message
15 to all residents of the state that pollution prevention, waste reduction, and recycling will not only help
16 the environment but also represent an economic development opportunity, and that all sectors of the state
17 need to make a commitment to pollution prevention, waste reduction, and recycling.

18 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
19 States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate;
20 the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S.
21 Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
22 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
23 Alaska delegation in Congress; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable
24 Bruce Botelho, Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau; and to June Dawson, Chair of the Friends
25 of Recycling.