

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

**BY SENATORS FISCHER, Sturgulewski**

**Introduced: 1/21/91**  
**Referred: State Affairs**

**A RESOLUTION**

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

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

**3 WHEREAS** over 6,000 years ago Eskimos and Indians settled and subsisted in the  
**4 Kenai area; and**

**5 WHEREAS** on August 20, 1791, fur traders from Russia arrived in the harbor at the  
**6 mouth of the Kenai River and settled the Kenai area; and**

**7 WHEREAS** this early colonization by the Russians has given Kenai the distinction of  
**8 being the state's second oldest Russian settlement; and**

**9 WHEREAS** Kenai has since prospered and was designated by then Governor Walter J.  
**10 Hickel** as the state's oil capital because the first discovery of oil in the state was made in the Swanson  
**11 River in 1957; and**

**12 WHEREAS** Kenai, being located at the mouth of the world-renowned Kenai River, is a major  
**13 commercial fisheries and processing port as well as the site where the world-record king salmon was**  
**14 caught; and**

**15 WHEREAS** the Kenai Bicentennial Visitors and Convention Bureau has been created to plan and  
**16 develop a celebration in 1991 of the 200 years that have elapsed since the Russian-American relationship**

1 was established in Kenai;

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

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