

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/9/92
Made a Special Order of Business

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the restoration and augmentation of federal funding for the Alaska Volcano
2 Observatory.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

4 WHEREAS the United States Geological Survey Volcano Hazards Program in the Department
5 of Interior, through its Alaska Volcano Observatory, provides warnings and advisories concerning
6 impending and ongoing volcanic eruptions in Alaska to business, government, and the public; and

7 WHEREAS these warnings and advisories save lives and property in Alaska and in aircraft flying
8 over Alaska; and

9 WHEREAS the future of Alaska depends upon a safe environment for business and commerce
10 and a growing role as a stopping place for the world's airlines; and

11 WHEREAS the airline industry has voiced its concern about proper monitoring of Alaska's
12 volcanoes; and

13 WHEREAS Alaska contains most of the hazardous volcanoes in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS the Alaska Volcano Observatory is the only source of volcano hazard expertise in
15 Alaska;

16 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Senate respectfully requests the United States Congress to

1 restore funding in fiscal year 1993 for the Alaska Volcano Observatory to the 1992 level, and to
2 appropriate sufficient additional funds to include the heavily traveled Aleutian region in the volcano
3 monitoring effort; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska Senate respectfully requests the Department of
5 Interior to include the Alaska Volcano Observatory in its budget for the U.S. Geological Survey Volcano
6 Hazards Program at a level that provides for the safety of the public and commerce in Alaska.

7 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the
8 United States Senate and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of
9 Interior; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate and Chair of the
10 Senate Appropriations Committee on Interior and Related Agencies; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley,
11 Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Sidney R. Yates, Chair of the House
12 Appropriations Committee on the Interior and Related Agencies; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
13 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
14 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.