

may be necessary to restore to the people of Alaska that ancient right of fishery enjoyed by all those living under the protection of the common law since Magna Charta, by which that right was recognized and confirmed, and to that end, that all monopolistic fishing privileges, whether resulting from reservations of the public waters or otherwise, be abolished so that all may exercise this natural right upon an equal footing.

Adopted by the Senate, Apr. 16, 1917.

Adopted by the House, Apr. 30, 1917.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

The Legislature of the Territory of Alaska in session assembled herewith extends to the President of the United States, the Senate and House of Representatives its approval of the passage of the resolution "that a state of war exists" between the United States and the German empire; and we, the people of Alaska, pledge our unflinching support and signify our readiness to loyally and patriotically stand in line with the American people in maintaining the country's honor and defending the principles of civilization.

The attitude of the people of Alaska is clearly expressed in the words of our Governor, spoken upon the declaration of war.

"This is a time in the history of our country which calls for self-sacrifice and devotion to those democratic institutions and ideals that have been a beacon light to the 'oppressed of all Nations'; and now, in obedience to those principles of right and truth and justice, in the struggle now being waged between the forces of democracy and autocracy, the citizens of this great republic may be depended upon to act well their part. There should be no division of sentiment, but each and all, laying aside every consideration of partisanism, should remember that they are called upon to defend those great truths upon which this republic was founded, and should uphold and strengthen the hands of the President and his administration in the international crisis that has been forced upon the country. The time for action is here, and I am sure that the people of Alaska stand ready to do their part and to do it well. The fires of patriotism have been kindled anew, and Alaskans are ready to respond whenever duty calls."

Adopted by the Senate, Apr. 9, 1917.

Adopted by the House, Apr. 10, 1917.