

WHEREAS, the present powers of municipalities need study and revision to allow the Territorial Legislature to effect legislation which will give the greatest autonomy possible to municipalities to transact municipal affairs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Third Session assembled; that the Alaska Legislative Council make a thorough study of the authority of the Territorial Legislature to grant to municipalities Home Rule, together with recommended legis-

lation necessary to grant to the municipalities the necessary autonomy to carry on their governmental functions without the necessity of the municipalities obtaining, from time to time, specific legislative authority for the carrying on of said governmental functions, and that the results of such study and the recommended legislation be submitted to the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Territorial Legislature.

Passed by the Senate February 14, 1957.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the Territory of Alaska in Regular Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, March 30th marks the 90th anniversary of the conclusion of the Treaty of Cession of Alaska from Russia to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Article III of the Treaty of Cession admitted inhabitants of the ceded area to "the enjoyment of all the rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the United States" and thereby gave initial and unique promise of Alaska's attaining, among those rights and advantages, self government in the American tradition; and

WHEREAS, many such rights, advantages and immunities have been denied the citizens of Alaska because of its Territorial status; and

WHEREAS, it has been adequately demonstrated during ninety years that Alaskans firmly believe in and adhere to the principles of constitutional government; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska have manifested their belief in such principles by adopting a constitution for the State of Alaska, which contains the same safeguards and insures the same rights as the Constitution of the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, that March 30, 1957 be further designated "Liberation Day" and that the people of Alaska on this date celebrate their liberation from Russian colonial bondage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States be urged to grant statehood to Alaska by March 30, 1957 and further resolved that should Alaska's quest for statehood be realized by March 30, 1957, that this day now known as "Seward Day", also be designated "Statehood Day".

Passed by the Senate March 11, 1957.