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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

Relating to the bicentennial celebration.

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

WHEREAS the year 1976 A.D. will mark the 200th anniversary of American independence; and

WHEREAS this bicentennial year will be observed in each of the sovereign states by appropriate programs developed through state leadership and community participation, and many other states have already begun the necessary planning; and

WHEREAS Alaska has among its population many scholars, artists, performing artists, patriotic and civic organizations, historians and others whose participation in observance of the bicentennial year should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS beginning with the writing of The Declaration of Independence the American idea of government has been a symbol of hope for all men aspiring to freedom, and has contributed to the world invaluable concepts for self-government including the Bill of Rights, the system of "checks and balances", and the concept of federalism in which the power of government is shared between sovereign states and the federal government; and

WHEREAS the 200th anniversary of American independence should be marked by observances in every Alaska community and the state should provide leadership to encourage local participation in commemorating the birthday of our country;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to formulate plans for celebration of

the bicentennial year in Alaska by the state and its local communities and to present to the Seventh Legislature, Second Session, preliminary recommendations regarding Alaska's participation in the bicentennial celebration.