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Relating to adjournment of the Second Session of the Twelfth State Legislature.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS during the past six legislative sessions 14 pieces of legislation have been introduced to limit the length of sessions without any effect; and

WHEREAS the present session of this legislature already has in hand a great quantity of legislation that has been through the committee process and has been thoroughly investigated and revised during the first session of this legislature; and

WHEREAS the framers of the Alaska Constitution conceived of a part-time, citizen legislature, rather than a full-time corps of professional lawmakers; and

WHEREAS the per-day cost of operating the legislature in extended session is often an unnecessary financial burden upon the people of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS very substantial public preference for limited sessions has been expressed on numerous occasions; and

WHEREAS the trend of session length has been that in the past five years the average length has been more than twice that of shorter sessions in the brief history of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives sitting in the Second Session of the Twelfth Alaska Legislature who agree to this resolution also agree that

(1) their session shall not last more than 105 days;

(2) whenever the speaker shall ask the majority leader for a motion for adjournment sine die and that motion is made, they shall support it.