

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Relating to a proposal by the National Park Service to hire Native and other qualified college students in the state as employees under a cooperative education program and to offer the students career positions upon graduation.

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

WHEREAS the National Park Service is proposing to use a federal cooperative education program to recruit Native and other qualified college students in the state and to enable them to obtain career positions in the National Park Service upon graduation; and

WHEREAS the National Park Service wants to use this program to deepen its understanding of the Native cultures of the state, to benefit from Native knowledge of the land, and to make Native people a major part of its organization and park management; and

WHEREAS this program will benefit Native and other qualified college students in the state by providing them with summer employment during college and training and incentives to further their education; and

WHEREAS this program will benefit the National Park Service and its management by enhancing the National Park Service's understanding of park resources and the cultural values of the Natives in the state; and

WHEREAS this program will benefit visitors to the state by enhancing the ability of National Park Service employees to provide visitors with information about park resources and the Native cultures of the state; and

WHEREAS a pilot version of this program has been used successfully to hire students in the state and has proven to be of great value to the National Park Service, the public, and the students; and

WHEREAS at least 32 new positions with the potential for advancement to management have been identified by the National Park Service and would be appropriate for initial career placement of participants in the program; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Regional Office of the National Park Service has requested budget increases for these new positions so that it can use the cooperative education program to make a major addition of Native and other college students in the state as employees to the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS these additional positions and the funds to fill them are essential to ensure that Native and other qualified college students in the cooperative education program will have permanent jobs available to them upon graduation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the request of the Alaska Regional Office of the National Park Service for budget approval for the proposed cooperative education program to hire Native and other qualified college students in the state into career-track positions in the national park units of the state.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.