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Relating to pollution prevention, waste reduction, and recycling.

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

WHEREAS recycling saves energy, and 20 recycled cans can be made with the same energy that it takes to make a single can from new material; and

WHEREAS recycling fights pollution, with glass recycling cutting related air pollution by 15 to 20 percent and aluminum recycling cutting related pollution by up to 95 percent; and

WHEREAS people in the United States recycle only one percent of the plastic that they use; and

WHEREAS the state's exposure to recycled products has been limited in the past but increased public awareness and new waste reduction and recycled product preference laws have created new and substantial demands for recycling and recycled products; and

WHEREAS the primary deterrents to recycling have been the unavailability of recycled products and the lack of markets and coordinated marketing for the products; and

WHEREAS there is an ever increasing demand for recycled products in the state by governmental agencies, businesses, and consumers; and

WHEREAS the Friends of Recycling, a Juneau-based organization, has organized a

recycling fair in Juneau for the weekend of April 26 - 27; and

WHEREAS two measures, Senate Joint Resolution 70 and House Joint Resolution 169, have been introduced in the United States Congress to designate April 15 as National Recycling Day;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports designating April 15 as National Recycling Day, as proposed by SJR 70 and HJR 169 in the United States Congress; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature designates the week of April 21 - 27 as Waste Reduction and Recycling Week in the state to support the efforts of the Recycling Fair organized by the Friends of Recycling in Juneau and to encourage other communities to hold similar fairs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature commends the City and Borough of Juneau for participating in the Recycling Fair through its Citizens' Advisory Committee on Waste Management; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests Governor Hickel to participate in the Recycling Fair through his appointed group, the Governor's Task Force on Waste Reduction and Recycling; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to send a message to all residents of the state that pollution prevention, waste reduction, and recycling will not only help the environment but also represent an economic development opportunity, and that all sectors of the state need to make a commitment to pollution prevention, waste reduction, and recycling.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; 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; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Bruce Botelho, Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau; and to June Dawson, Chair of the Friends of Recycling.