

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Relating to Kenai as a bicentennial city in 1991.

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

**WHEREAS** over 6,000 years ago Eskimos and Indians settled and subsisted in the Kenai area; and

**WHEREAS** on August 20, 1791, fur traders from Russia arrived in the harbor at the mouth of the Kenai River and settled the Kenai area; and

**WHEREAS** this early colonization by the Russians has given Kenai the distinction of being the state's second oldest Russian settlement; and

**WHEREAS** Kenai has since prospered and was designated by then Governor Walter J. Hickel as the state's oil capital because the first discovery of oil in the state was made in the Swanson River in 1957; and

**WHEREAS** Kenai, being located at the mouth of the world-renowned Kenai River, is a major commercial fisheries and processing port as well as the site where the world-record king salmon was caught; and

**WHEREAS** the Kenai Bicentennial Visitors and Convention Bureau has been created to

plan and develop a celebration in 1991 of the 200 years that have elapsed since the Russian-American relationship was established in Kenai;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes Kenai, Alaska, as a state bicentennial city and urges all citizens of the state to support Kenai and the Kenai Bicentennial Visitors and Convention Bureau in their endeavors and celebrations for Kenai's 200th anniversary in 1991.

**A COPY** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John Williams, Mayor of the City of Kenai.