## STATE OF ALASKA THE LEGISLATURE

## 2024

Source HCR 13 Legislative Resolve No.



Recognizing and commending the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50th anniversary in 2025.

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

**WHEREAS** the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was founded in 1975 and has evolved during the past half-century to become the premier organization solely dedicated to serving state and territorial legislators and legislative staff; and

WHEREAS NCSL was created from the merger of three organizations that served or represented state legislatures and that shared the belief that legislative service is one of democracy's worthiest pursuits; and

WHEREAS NCSL is a bipartisan organization with the following three objectives: to advance the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of state legislatures; to foster interstate communication and cooperation; and to ensure state legislatures have a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system; and

WHEREAS the nation's state legislatures are laboratories of democracy and have continually shown that state legislatures are the bodies to tackle emerging challenges; and

WHEREAS a state legislature is where people from very different backgrounds,

representing very different communities, can come together and find common ground; and

WHEREAS NCSL has facilitated the exchange of ideas, provided critical research and information, and encouraged a rigorous review of complex issues confronting communities, states, and the nation; and

**WHEREAS** NCSL strives to strengthen the bonds between the nation's state legislatures and the international community;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes and commends the National Conference of State Legislatures for its superb leadership and its commitment to the legislative institution.