

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting and expressing gratitude to President Donald J. Trump for the Executive**
2 **Order titled "Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential" and for the**
3 **president's recognition of the role of the federal government in revitalizing the state's**
4 **economy, energy production, and resource development.**

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

6 **WHEREAS** the state holds an abundant and largely untapped supply of natural
7 resources, including minerals, timber, and seafood, which are critical to the state's economy
8 and the prosperity of its citizens; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Executive Order titled "Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource
10 Potential" provides that, to the benefit of the nation and state residents, the policy of the
11 United States shall be to fully avail itself of the state's land and resources; and

12 **WHEREAS** that Executive Order demonstrates that the federal government
13 understands the importance of the state to national energy security and global energy markets
14 and how advancing responsible resource development in the state will bolster the nation's
15 economic and strategic interests; and

1 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States has directed the agencies of the federal
2 government to work to maximize the development and production of natural resources from
3 federal and state land in the state and to expedite associated permitting and leasing
4 procedures; and

5 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States has directed that the development of
6 the state's liquefied natural gas potential should be prioritized, as should sale and
7 transportation of that gas to other regions of the nation and to the nation's allies; and

8 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States has directed the heads of all federal
9 executive departments and agencies, including the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of
10 Commerce, and the Secretary of the Army, to exercise their authority to advance resource
11 development projects in the state; and

12 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States has directed federal agencies to
13 rescind, revoke, revise, amend, defer, or grant exemptions from any regulations, orders,
14 guidance documents, and policies inconsistent with the development policies set out in the
15 Executive Order titled "Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential"; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in the Executive Order titled "Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary
17 Resource Potential," the President of the United States has directed the Secretary of the
18 Interior

19 (1) to withdraw Secretarial Order 3401, dated June 1, 2021, which
20 suspended oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge;

21 (2) to rescind the cancellation of certain mineral leases in the Arctic
22 National Wildlife Refuge, initiate additional mineral leasing activity, and issue permits
23 and easements necessary for oil and gas exploration, development, and production in
24 the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge;

25 (3) to rescind the final supplemental environmental impact statement
26 titled "Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Supplemental Environmental
27 Impact Statement";

28 (4) to place a temporary moratorium on all activities and privileges
29 granted to a party under a 2020 record of decision titled "Coastal Plain Oil and Gas
30 Leasing Program Record of Decision," to review the decision, and, as appropriate, to
31 conduct a new analysis;

1 (5) to reinstate a final environmental impact statement titled "Final
2 Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program";

3 (6) to reinstate a 2020 record of decision titled "Coastal Plain Oil and
4 Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision," referenced in the notice for the 2021
5 Coastal Plain Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale;

6 (7) to evaluate changes to and the potential rescission of Public Land
7 Order 5150, signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior on December 28, 1971,
8 and any later amendments, modifications, or corrections to Public Land Order 5150;

9 (8) to place a temporary moratorium on all activities and privileges
10 granted to a party under the record of decision signed on June 27, 2024, titled "Ambler
11 Road Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision," to review
12 that decision, and to reinstate the record of decision signed on July 23, 2020, by the
13 Bureau of Land Management and United States Army Corps of Engineers titled
14 "Ambler Road Environmental Impact Statement Joint Record of Decision";

15 (9) to rescind a 2024 Bureau of Land Management final rule titled
16 "Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska";

17 (10) to rescind certain guidance issued by the Bureau of Land
18 Management related to the protection of subsistence resource values in the National
19 Petroleum Reserve in Alaska;

20 (11) to facilitate the expedited development of a road corridor between
21 the community of King Cove and the Cold Bay Airport;

22 (12) to place a temporary moratorium on all activities and privileges
23 granted to a party under the record of decision signed on April 25, 2022, titled
24 "National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision"
25 and to review that decision;

26 (13) to rescind a 2024 Bureau of Land Management final rule titled
27 "Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska" and
28 rescind a 2024 Bureau of Land Management notice titled "Special Areas Within the
29 National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska";

30 (14) to reinstate Secretarial Order 3352 dated May 17, 2017 (National
31 Petroleum Reserve - Alaska) and the record of decision signed on December 31, 2020,

1 titled "National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of
2 Decision";

3 (15) to reinstate Public Land Orders that further the policy interests
4 described in the Executive Order;

5 (16) to review all guidance from the Department of the Interior
6 regarding the taking of Alaska Native land into trust and all Public Land Orders
7 withdrawing land for selection by Alaska Native corporations to determine whether an
8 action of the department should be revoked to ensure consistency with the Alaska
9 Statehood Act of 1958, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, the
10 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, the Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration
11 Act, and the Alaska Native Vietnam-era Veterans Land Allotment Program;

12 (17) to rescind the record of decision signed on November 12, 2024,
13 titled "Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan";

14 (18) to reimplement a draft resource management plan and
15 environmental impact statement referenced in the National Park Service notice titled
16 "Notice of Availability for the Central Yukon Draft Resource Management
17 Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska";

18 (19) to rescind a 2024 National Park Service final rule titled "Alaska;
19 Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves" and reinstate a 2020 National Park
20 Service final rule titled "Alaska; Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves" in its
21 original form;

22 (20) to deny a request relating to recognition of an Indigenous sacred
23 site in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

24 (21) to review waterways in the state, to direct the Bureau of Land
25 Management, in consultation with the state, to recommend the navigable waterways in
26 the state that should be subject to state jurisdiction under the equal footing doctrine
27 and the Submerged Lands Act of 1953, and to disclaim federal interests in and restore
28 state ownership of certain waterways in the state; and

29 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States has directed that each bureau in the
30 Department of the Interior consider the cultural significance of hunting and fishing in the
31 state, evaluate how subsistence use of certain resources should be prioritized under the

1 provisions of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, consult with state fish and
2 wildlife management agencies before enacting land management plans or other regulations
3 that affect the ability of state residents to hunt and fish on public land, and ensure that hunting
4 and fishing opportunities on federal land are consistent with the opportunities offered on state
5 land; and

6 **WHEREAS**, to advance the nation's domestic and regional energy dominance, the
7 President of the United States has directed the Secretary of the Interior to identify and assess,
8 with the Secretary of Defense, what is necessary to immediately develop and export the state's
9 energy resources, including an assessment of the long-term viability of the Trans Alaska
10 Pipeline System and the development of the associated federal right-of-way as an energy
11 corridor of critical national importance; and

12 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States has directed the Secretary of
13 Agriculture to place a temporary moratorium on all activities and privileges authorized by a
14 2023 final rule and record of decision titled "Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation;
15 National Forest System Lands in Alaska," to review the rule and record of decision, and, as
16 appropriate, to conduct a new analysis; and

17 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States has directed the Secretary of
18 Agriculture to reinstate a 2020 final rule titled "Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation;
19 National Forest System Lands in Alaska"; and

20 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States has directed the Secretary of the Army,
21 acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, to render all assistance
22 requested by the Governor of the state to facilitate the clearing and maintenance of
23 transportation infrastructure; and

24 **WHEREAS** the President of the United States has directed the Assistant Secretary of
25 the Army for Civil Works to immediately review, revise, or rescind an agency action that
26 could delay any critical project in the state;

27 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its gratitude to
28 President Donald J. Trump for the Executive Order titled "Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary
29 Resource Potential," which recognizes the essential role of the state's resources in supporting
30 national prosperity, energy independence, and economic growth; and be it

31 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature acknowledges the positive

1 economic, social, and strategic effects of the Executive Order on the state and supports its full
2 implementation; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges all relevant federal
4 agencies to act swiftly and efficiently to carry out the provisions of the Executive Order,
5 ensuring timely permitting, leasing, and project development in the state; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature reaffirms the state's
7 commitment to working collaboratively with federal, state, and local partners to maximize the
8 benefits of the state's resources for all citizens, while safeguarding environmental and cultural
9 values.

10 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
11 of the United States; the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and
12 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Pete Hegseth, United States Secretary of Defense;
13 the Honorable Walter Cruickshank, Acting United States Secretary of the Interior; the
14 Honorable Gary Washington, Acting United States Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable
15 Jeremy Pelter, Acting United States Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Mark F. Averill,
16 Acting Secretary of the U.S. Army; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable
17 Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S. Representative,
18 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.