

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Commending and supporting the aggressive actions of the governor to protect the state**  
2 **from federal government incursion into the care and management of state resources and**  
3 **to promote the economic prosperity of the state; and urging the United States Congress**  
4 **and the President of the United States to limit the exercise of federal powers to those**  
5 **enumerated in the United States Constitution and to trust and empower states to**  
6 **manage their own affairs.**

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

8 **WHEREAS** the federal government is attempting actions beyond its constitutionally  
9 enumerated powers that are adverse and contrary to the interests of the state and its citizens;  
10 and

11 **WHEREAS** Governor Sean Parnell has challenged the federal government in court  
12 for its misuse of the Endangered Species Act in its expansive designation of critical habitat for  
13 polar bears; for restricting access to Alaska rivers; for impinging on the freedoms of Alaskans  
14 with federal health care reform; and for taking adverse actions against our timber interests,

1 mining interests, and interests in development of oil and gas resources on the outer continental  
2 shelf; and

3 **WHEREAS**, under art. VIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the policy of  
4 the state is to encourage the development of its resources by making them available for  
5 maximum use consistent with the public interest; and

6 **WHEREAS** actions taken by Governor Sean Parnell protect the collective interests of  
7 the people of the state and promote a future of economic security and prosperity;

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature commends and supports the  
9 aggressive actions of Governor Sean Parnell to protect the state from federal government  
10 incursion into the care and management of state resources and to promote the economic  
11 prosperity of the state; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
13 Congress and the President of the United States to limit the exercise of federal powers to  
14 those enumerated in the United States Constitution and to trust and empower states to manage  
15 their own affairs.

16 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of  
17 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and  
18 President of the U.S. Senate; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark  
19 Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the  
20 Alaska delegation in Congress.