### **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12**

### IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

# THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

#### BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Referred: Community and Regional Affairs

# **A RESOLUTION**

1 Urging the Marine Debris Foundation to locate its headquarters in the state.

# 2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- WHEREAS the state has 33,904 miles of shoreline and an estimated tidal shoreline of 47,300 miles, more than all the other 49 states combined; and
- 5 WHEREAS the state has a coastline that faces the North Pacific Ocean, the Bering
- 6 Sea, the Beaufort Sea, the Chukchi Sea, and the Arctic Ocean, and is the only state that
- 7 borders two different oceans; and
- 8 WHEREAS marine debris causes many adverse effects, including wildlife injury and
- 9 death from entanglement or ingestion, exposure to toxic chemicals, habitat destruction, vessel
- damage, and economic loss to tourism and fisheries; and
- WHEREAS the marine debris problem is inherently more extensive in the state than
- in other parts of the United States, as a result of the state's rugged and remote coastline; and
- WHEREAS the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Debris
- 14 Program has worked with partners since 2006 to conduct debris research, removal, and
- prevention, and has directly funded more than 35 projects in the state that have removed over
- 16 900 metric tons of debris; and

1	WHEREAS the pristine reputation of the state's fisheries, ocean, and coastline is
2	central to the state's economy, which contributes to Alaskans' unique understanding of the
3	threat of marine debris to environmental conservation, coastal communities, tourism, and
4	fisheries; and
5	WHEREAS the state is home to many organizations that have administered locally
6	driven marine debris assessment, removal, and prevention projects; and
7	WHEREAS the Marine Debris Foundation was authorized by the Save Our Seas 2.0
8	Act (P.L. 116-224) to act as a charitable and nonprofit organization overseeing marine debris
9	removal nationwide and globally in connection with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
10	Administration under 33 U.S.C. 1952 (Marine Debris Act);
11	BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urges the Marine Debris
12	Foundation Board of Directors to locate the Marine Debris Foundation headquarters in the
13	state.