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of **ALASKA**
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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

DEDICATION OF 2014 IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 1964 GREAT ALASKA EARTHQUAKE

WHEREAS, the March 27, 1964 Great Alaska magnitude 9.2 Earthquake was the largest earthquake ever recorded in North America, second largest worldwide, and constitutes one of the major hallmarks in the history of Alaska statehood; and

WHEREAS, the earthquake and associated tsunami caused devastating damage to many coastal communities as well as economic effects extending across much of the State; and

WHEREAS, the year 2014 will be the 50th anniversary of the earthquake and tsunami; and

WHEREAS, numerous events including exhibits, national conferences, emergency response exercises, etc., are planned in many Alaska communities during 2014 to commemorate the earthquake (e.g. Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kodiak, Valdez, etc.); and

WHEREAS, Alaska is located in one of the most seismically active regions of North America and the State will continue to experience earthquakes resulting in damage and injury to the populace; and

WHEREAS, public awareness is critical to being prepared for the next earthquake,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission recommends and requests Governor Parnell dedicate the year 2014 in commemoration of the 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission on this 14th day of November 2013.

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Chair