

**STATE OF ALASKA
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Urging the Marine Debris Foundation to locate its headquarters in the state.

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

WHEREAS the state has a coastline that faces the North Pacific Ocean, the Bering Sea, the Beaufort Sea, the Chukchi Sea, and the Arctic Ocean, and is the only state that borders two different oceans; and

WHEREAS marine debris causes many adverse effects, including wildlife injury and 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 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 900 metric tons of debris; and

WHEREAS the pristine reputation of the state's fisheries, ocean, and coastline is central to the state's economy, which contributes to Alaskans' unique understanding of the threat of marine debris to environmental conservation, coastal communities, tourism, and fisheries; and

WHEREAS the state is home to many organizations that have administered locally driven marine debris assessment, removal, and prevention projects; and

WHEREAS the Marine Debris Foundation was authorized by the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act (P.L. 116-224) to act as a charitable and nonprofit organization overseeing marine debris removal nationwide and globally in connection with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under 33 U.S.C. 1952 (Marine Debris Act);

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urges the Marine Debris Foundation Board of Directors to locate the Marine Debris Foundation headquarters in the state.