

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REMOVING THE WORDS “UNDER GOD” FROM THE UNITED STATES PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- WHEREAS: The First Amendment of the Constitution states “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion”<sup>1</sup>;
- WHEREAS: The United States Code contains the “general and permanent laws of the United States”<sup>2</sup>;
- WHEREAS: Title 4, Section 4 of the United States Code establishes the official Pledge of Allegiance<sup>3</sup>;
- WHEREAS: The Pledge of Allegiance states “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”<sup>4</sup>;
- WHEREAS: The phrase "under God" was incorporated into the Pledge of Allegiance on June 14, 1954, by a Joint Resolution of Congress.<sup>5</sup>;
- WHEREAS: Article 6 of the Constitution states “The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the members of the several state legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states, shall be bound by oath or affirmation, to support this Constitution”<sup>6</sup>; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAT-SU CAREER AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT GOVERNMENT DELEGATION AND THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS THAT:

- I. We believe that the Pledge of Allegiance should remain a religiously-neutral expression of allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the republic of the United States of America.
- II. We oppose the elevation of any single religion as the United States of America welcomes individuals from all religious denominations.
- III. We support the removal of the words “under God” from the United States Pledge of Allegiance through a joint resolution between the House of Representatives and the Senate.

1. [https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/first\\_amendment](https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/first_amendment)

2. <http://uscode.house.gov>

3. <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2011-title4/html/USCODE-2011-title4-chap1.htm>

4. <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2011-title4/html/USCODE-2011-title4-chap1.htm>

5. <https://research.archives.gov/id/5730382>

6. <https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/articlevi>

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