



Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution #7
Support of Alaska House Bill 10
Submitted by: Matsu Career Tech Student Government
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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

1. **Whereas**, during World War Two, the Unangan people were forced out of their homes on the Aleutian islands and sent to live in internment camps in Southeast Alaska;¹
2. **Whereas**, these camps were not adequately prepared for the amount of people who were forced to live there, having inadequate food and medical supplies, as well as no facilities for sanitation purposes;¹
3. **Whereas**, many Unangan natives died while living at the internment camps, and there are 32 recognized graves in the Unangan cemetery in Funter Bay;²
4. **Whereas**, Funter Bay State Marine park is an undeveloped state park near the cemetery;⁵
5. **Whereas**, Alaska House Bill 10 transfers the land that the Unangan cemetery rests on, and 251 nearby acres of state-owned⁴ land, to the Funter Bay Marine park;¹
6. **Whereas**, the Department of Natural Resources found that the 251 acres of land has no commercial value and recommends transferring all 251 acres to the park in order to streamline management;³
7. **Whereas**, the passing of this bill would ensure the protection of the cemetery for the visitation of future generations;¹

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports the passing of Alaska House Bill 10.

Action Statement: if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, this resolution will be presented to the Alaska State Legislature.

Sources:

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