

# The Republican Majority's Commitment to Alaska

for

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 21st Alaska State Legislature

## **Taking Care of Alaska Now and for the Future: Making State Government Smaller and Smarter and Alaska Safer and Stronger**

### **SMALLER GOVERNMENT**

- 1) Spending Reductions
  - Complete the fifth and final year of the Five-Year Plan to reduce general fund spending by \$250 million and establish the foundation for a long range fiscal plan.
- 2) State Employee Unions
  - Hold the line on state employee pay and benefit funding
- 3) Privatization
  - Review and consider the implementation of the recommendations of the Privatization Commission

### **SMARTER GOVERNMENT**

- 1) Continue Results-Based Budgeting
  - Prioritize government spending using defined missions and measures
  - Promote the wise allocation of scarce funding resources
- 2) Accountability
  - Achieve clearly defined goals
  - Account for budgeted funds
  - Audit funds already spent
- 3) Constitutional Reform
  - Overturn Bess decision which took power to revise constitution away from the people
- 4) State's Rights
  - Aggressively protect Alaska's rights from federal encroachment

### **SAFER AND STRONGER ALASKA**

- 1) Education and Public Safety
  - Fully fund K-12 Foundation Formula
  - Seek the appropriate level of funding for construction and upgrades of primary and secondary schools
  - Support adequate funding for the University of Alaska
  - Continue our commitment to the protection of children and all vulnerable Alaskans
- 2) Economic Development and Quality Jobs for Alaskans
  - Fight for approval of the National Missile Defense system in Alaska
  - Remove barriers for the equitable selling of state land to private individuals in order to promote resource development and raise additional revenue for the state
  - Promote responsible development of Alaska North Slope natural gas
  - Improve roads, transportation and water and sewer facilities
  - Encourage value added resource development