

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Long-Term Care Task Force of 1999.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature created a Long-Term Care Task Force in
4 1998 that, after six months of intensive study and public hearings, prepared a report for the
5 legislature containing 31 recommendations relating to long-term care; and

6 WHEREAS the Long-Term Care Task Force created in 1998 terminated upon the
7 convening of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature,
8 January 19, 1999; and

9 WHEREAS the work of the 1998 task force was only the first step in meeting the
10 ultimate goal of developing a suitable and equitable plan for providing access to long-term
11 care for all Alaskans, and additional work needs to be done, including further analysis of
12 current long-term care options and further exploration of new options; and

13 WHEREAS access to long-term care is an issue of major importance to all Alaskans
14 either because they or their parents are already in need of long-term care or because they or
15 their parents may face a need for long-term care in the future; and

16 WHEREAS a new task force would be in a position to provide leadership and
17 guidance to ensure careful consideration of the 1998 task force's suggestions and

1 recommendations;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature establishes the Long-Term Care
3 Task Force of 1999 to provide a focal point for further discussion and action concerning the
4 needs of Alaskans for equitable and affordable long-term care options; and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consist of the following nine voting
6 members:

7 (1) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker
8 of the House of Representatives; at least one member shall be a member of the majority and
9 at least one a member of the minority;

10 (2) three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; at
11 least one member shall be a member of the majority and at least one a member of the
12 minority;

13 (3) three members of the public, one each chosen by the Governor, the Speaker
14 of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate, from among people who are
15 receiving long-term care, have relatives who are receiving long-term care, or are from an
16 organization that represents the interests of people in need of long-term care; and be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following persons may serve on the task force as
18 nonvoting members:

19 (1) the commissioner of health and social services or the commissioner's
20 designee;

21 (2) the commissioner of commerce and economic development or the
22 commissioner's designee; and

23 (3) the commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee; and
24 be it

25 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the public members of the task force shall serve without
26 compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and
27 commissions under AS 39.20.180; and be it

28 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall select a chair and vice-chair from
29 among its voting members with the two positions being comprised of one legislator and one
30 public member, shall meet as frequently as the task force determines necessary to perform its
31 work, may meet during the interim, and may meet and vote by teleconference; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall

2 (1) review the work of the Long-Term Care Task Force that was created in
3 1998, modify its recommendations as necessary, and work towards implementing those
4 recommendations; and

5 (2) continue the efforts of the previous task force, especially the effort to
6 prepare a plan for establishment of an actuarially sound system of long-term care and
7 proposed funding options; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force may begin work immediately upon the
9 appointment of its full voting membership and is terminated upon the convening of the First
10 Regular Session of the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature.