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Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

January 17, 2022

The Honorable Peter Micciche
Senate President
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, Alaska 99811-1182

Dear President Micciche:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 23, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order to reorganize the Department of Health and Social Services into two departments, the Department of Health and the Department of Family and Community Services. This reorganization is necessary to align current functions and programs into one department which focuses on program eligibility for Alaskans and payments to providers and one department which focuses on direct care and services to Alaskans in State administered programs.

The Department of Health will have primary responsibility for administering medical and public assistance programs, senior and disabilities services, behavioral health programs, and public health programs. The Department of Family and Community Services will be responsible for overseeing child welfare services, the Alaska Pioneer Homes and Veterans Home, Juvenile Justice, and the State Psychiatric Hospital.

This reorganization will strengthen these critical missions by enabling the newly streamlined departments to operate more efficiently, be more proactive, and achieve better outcomes for Alaskans. The new structure will advance the State's ability to promote the health of Alaskans and protect vulnerable adults, children, and senior citizens.

These changes will be effective July 1, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure