

# Senate Concurrent Resolutions

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

**Be it Resolved by the Senate in the First Legislature, First Session Assembled, the House Concurring:**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alaska has completed its organization and commenced doing its business; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Governor of Alaska has indicated his desire to address a joint assembly of the Senate and House of Representatives for the purpose of addressing the Legislature on a

recommended program of the administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Alaska concurrently resolve to assemble jointly in the chambers of the House of Representatives at 11 a.m., Friday, January 30, 1959 for the purpose of receiving the address of the Acting Governor of Alaska.

Passed by the Senate January 29, 1959.

Passed by the House January 29, 1959.

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

**Relating to the construction of a mental hospital in Alaska.**

**Be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of Alaska, the House of Representatives Concurring:**

WHEREAS, after many years of effort, Alaska, by action of the 84th Congress, finally gained control of the care of its own mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of this Federal legislation in 1956, Alaska patients have still been cared for at Morningside in Oregon, an antiquated and distant method of care that had provided one of the reasons pressed on Congress for action; and

WHEREAS, the Federal legislation provided for the amount of \$6,500,000 to be granted to Alaska for the construction of mental health facilities; and

WHEREAS, if this earmarked grant is not obligated by the State of Alaska by June 30, 1960 it is lost to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature in 1957 set up the Alaska Department of Health as a mental health authority and

provided for constructing and equipping mental health hospitals and other facilities through this authority; and

WHEREAS, the \$6,500,000 is available to Alaska with no necessity for matching funds and with only the proviso that it be spent for mental hospital construction; and

WHEREAS, this money could be used to build a well-equipped hospital without the need for complementing State monies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Alaska in First Session assembled, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor of Alaska be urged to work by and through the Alaska Department of Health, or any department succeeding to the functions of the Department of Health, for the speedy utilization of the Federal money available for hospital construction for care of the mentally ill, and that such a hospital be built in the State of Alaska at the earliest possible date.

Passed by the Senate February 11, 1959.

Passed by the House March 19, 1959.