



# Alaska State Legislature

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting additional Veterans Administration assistance and personnel for Alaska.

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

WHEREAS contact service has been made available in Alaska only sporadically in connection with regular field work, seriously deterring deserving veterans and their dependents from requesting or obtaining benefits to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS Vietnam veterans interested in education benefits in Alaska cannot obtain counseling because of inadequate staffing and facilities at the Veterans Administration regional office in Juneau; and

WHEREAS the Veterans Administration has promised improved support for the Guaranteed and Direct Loan Program, since in 1968 only 192 direct loans were disbursed, principally in the Anchorage area, thereby leaving banks, lenders, and veterans in the other major population centers of Alaska without assistance;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Veterans Administration is respectfully requested to

(1) establish a regular itinerant contact service, based on demonstrated need, to all cities and villages in the state that are served by scheduled airlines, surface transportation, or other means until it has been demonstrated that the need no longer exists for Veterans Administration assistance, and

(2) add a qualified vocational counselor to the Veterans Administration Regional Office staff to increase the volume of counseling service that can be made available in the principal cities and towns of Alaska, and

(3) fulfill their promise to assist all Alaskan veterans in obtaining full loan benefits.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable William J. Driver, Administrator, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.; the Honorable M. W. McDonough, Manager, Veterans Administration Regional Office, Juneau; the Honorable Joseph Briones, Service Officer of the American Legion, Juneau; the Honorable Lewis Fiorella, Service Officer, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Juneau.