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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

Relating to flood control in the Bethel area.

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

WHEREAS Bethel, Alaska is the trading center of the Kuskokwim River Basin, and is in all ways important as a cultural and regional center; and

WHEREAS a major threat to the continued existence of Bethel and the safety of its citizens is the continued erosion of the Kuskokwim River banks which prevent flooding of the area; and

WHEREAS major structural measures to prevent the banks from eroding are essential at the earliest possible time in order to remove this imminent threat to Bethel and its citizens; and

WHEREAS a recent report by the Corps of Engineers recognized the serious nature of the problem existing at Bethel, but declined to fund a corrective project for the reason that the necessary structural measures were not economically feasible;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventh Alaska Legislature considers the protection of the Bethel area citizens and their property of the highest priority and urgently requests that the Corps of Engineers and the United States Congress seek and provide adequate funding for a Corps of Engineers project in the Bethel area to alleviate the existing disaster potential occasioned by the erosion of the banks of the Kuskokwim River.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Lieutenant General F. J. Clarke, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army; the Honorable Jennings Randolph, U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate

Public Works Committee; the Honorable George H. Fallon, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the House Public Works Committee; the Honorable Allen J. Ellender, U. S. Senator and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, U. S. Representative and Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.