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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

Relating to the Arctic Health Research Center.

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

WHEREAS the Arctic Health Research Center was established in 1948 to conduct activities necessary in the investigation, prevention, treatment, and control of diseases; and

WHEREAS since that time the Center has gained a world-renowned reputation for its work in cold-adaptive processes, cold as a factor in human stress, the life cycles of parasites and host-parasite relationships peculiar to the arctic, and more recently for its work related to the biomedical and environmental engineering needs of concerns planning arctic activities, and for its efforts related to a host of other projects too numerous to list; and

WHEREAS it currently serves as the only United States non-military focus on cold weather research on the health and social well-being of man in the arctic and subarctic environment; and

WHEREAS under the proposed federal budget for 1973-74 the Arctic Health Research Center will be abolished; and

WHEREAS there is national recognition of Alaskan resources, human needs and problems, all dictating continued research into the biomedical and environmental fields in connection with the arctic; and

WHEREAS the proposed termination of the operations of the Center is at the least a violation of the spirit of sec. 2(c)

of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the proposed abolition of the Arctic Health Research Center is deplored and it urgently requests the President of the United States to direct the Office of Management and Budget to fully fund the Center for fiscal 1973-74.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Caspar Weinberger, Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable Roy L. Ash, Director, Office of Management and Budget; the Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.