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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Requesting Congress to restore or reallocate funds to Alaska under Titles IV and XVI of the Social Security Act.

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

WHEREAS recent federal congressional and administrative actions have resulted in the termination of all special social services contracts in Alaska under Titles IV and XVI of the Social Security Act, a loss of approximately \$16 million; and

WHEREAS the United States Congress placed a monetary ceiling on expenditures under Titles IV and XVI and apportioned the available money to the states on the basis of population; and

WHEREAS the Congress failed to provide for a reallocation of funds from the most populous states which were unable to expend all their appropriated funds to those less populous states, such as Alaska, the needs of which are not necessarily reflected by population base; and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare failed to provide or assist in providing those states which had massive program losses with alternate sources of funding; and

WHEREAS Alaska has lost much needed and valuable programs in such areas as day care and child care, recreation, community services, services for the elderly, health and medical care services, vocational rehabilitation and social services planning, among others; and

WHEREAS some of these lost programs required a great deal of community effort and involvement on the part of many people whose

efforts are now futile and fruitless; and

WHEREAS an equivalent program loss in a populous state might not matter greatly; however, to Alaska, with its myriad health and social services problems, it was indeed a heavy blow and a great loss in people-oriented service has been the result;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Congress is requested to reevaluate its method of funding Titles IV and XVI of the Social Security Act to allow for allocation of funds based on a realistic standard such as need, rather than population; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that if the funding standard is not amenable to change then provision should be made for a reallocation of funds from states which did not expend their total appropriations to those states which have suffered serious and even devastating funding cutbacks; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare is requested to assist in the provision of alternate sources of funding on a timely basis to the State of Alaska for Titles IV and XVI programs.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Caspar Weinberger, Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; 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.