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Relating to participation by the state in the White House Conference on Families.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS President Carter has announced that the White House Conference on Families in 1980 will meet to identify ways to strengthen and support American families; and

WHEREAS Governor Hammond issued an Executive Proclamation on January 31, 1980, declaring March, 1980, to be White House Conference on Families Month and inviting community organizations to encourage local participation through meetings and hearings in order to assist in developing public policy in support of families; and

WHEREAS in the proclamation Governor Hammond declared the goal of the state program to be, through broad public participation, the assessment of needs and the development of policies which give support to families in the delivery of programs and services; and

WHEREAS the organizational work to implement the directive contained in the Executive Proclamation was done largely through statewide volunteer efforts supported by the Governor's Office; and

WHEREAS hearings were held in Anchorage, Bethel, Dillingham, Eagle River, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Sitka, Seldovia, Soldotna, and the Yukon-Kuskokwim area, and testimony was collected by the Alaska Native Sisterhood, Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, Kodiak Native Association, and Tanana Chiefs Conference, as part of the efforts to carry out the directive; and

WHEREAS the Alaska White House Conference on Families, the culmination of statewide hearings, village council meetings, reports, organizational meetings and public testimony, was held on March 28 and 29 in Anchorage and included participation by delegates chosen through their involvement in local activities, elections, steering committees, advisory committees and through appointment by legislators; and

WHEREAS delegates to the Alaska White House Conference on Families considered issues related to family strengths and supports, diversity of families, changing realities of family life, impact of public and private institutional policies on families, impact of discrimination on families, and families with special needs; and

WHEREAS delegates to the Alaska White House Conference on Families identified 12 issues relating to families and developed recommendations for each issue; and

WHEREAS delegates to the Alaska White House Conference elected six of their members and the governor appointed three other persons to represent the State of Alaska at the White House Conference on Families; and

WHEREAS the Alaska delegation can offer valuable insight to the White House Conference on Families on unique features of the Alaskan lifestyle which strengthen family life such as the appreciation of the natural habitat, the social openness and trust, and the degree of individual self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS the broad-based participation of people from throughout the state has produced Alaska delegates to the White House Conference on Families who represent the diversity of views and philosophies on the subject of family life which exists in the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives supports participation by the state in the White House Conference on Families and the attendance of the elected and appointed Alaska delegates.