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Urging the President and the Congress of the United States to retain the federal General Revenue Sharing Program as presently constituted.

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

WHEREAS, since 1972, the federal General Revenue Sharing Program has enabled the states and local governments to share directly in the federal government revenue base; and

WHEREAS the General Revenue Sharing Program is the only federal program which allows genuine flexibility in the use of federal funds by the recipients; and

WHEREAS, while the current General Revenue Sharing Program is not due to expire until September 30, 1980, the Carter Administration is expected to present its recommendations with respect to continued funding about May 15; and

WHEREAS it has been reported that the administration will recommend elimination of provisions in the General Revenue Sharing Program which authorize aid to state governments; and

WHEREAS S. 263, offered by Senator Bentsen, also provides for elimination of provisions of the General Revenue Sharing Program which authorize aid to state governments; and

WHEREAS the removal from the General Revenue Sharing Program of those provisions extending general revenue sharing assistance to the states would be a step backward in the continuing effort to permit decision making about programs at the state level;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully requests the President and Congress to continue the General Revenue Sharing Program as the program is presently constituted.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States; 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.