

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting an increase in federal funding for prostate cancer research.

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

3 WHEREAS, except for skin cancers, prostate cancer is the most common form of
4 cancer in men; and

5 WHEREAS one out of every five American men will develop prostate cancer; and

6 WHEREAS the American Cancer Society estimates that, in 1997 in the United States,
7 approximately 334,500 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and that approximately
8 41,800 prostate cancer related deaths will occur; and

9 WHEREAS, with an estimated 9,000,000 men currently afflicted, the prevalence of
10 prostate cancer makes it epidemic in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS African-American men in the United States have the highest incidence
12 of prostate cancer of any population in the world; and

13 WHEREAS there is a need for equal access to recognized forms of prostate cancer
14 treatment; and

15 WHEREAS the number of prostate cancer cases diagnosed has increased significantly
16 over the past 35 years, partly as a result of the widespread use of improved screening
17 techniques, including screening for the prostate cancer antigen; and

1 **WHEREAS** superior diagnostic and prognostic techniques are needed; and

2 **WHEREAS** the American Cancer Society is a founding member of the National
3 Prostate Cancer Coalition, a network of prostate cancer patients, advocates, and supporting
4 organizations, which is gathering 1,000,000 signatures to present to President Bill Clinton on
5 Father's Day, June 15, 1997;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature joins the National Prostate
7 Cancer Coalition and other organizations and individuals in supporting increased federal
8 funding for prostate cancer research; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
10 President Bill Clinton to support increased funding for prostate cancer research.

11 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
12 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President
13 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of
14 Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
15 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
16 delegation in Congress.