

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/18/02

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the United States Congress to grant a two-year moratorium on requirements**
2 **for certain state payments under federal programs.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the economic effects of the terrorists attack on our country on
5 September 11, 2001, have contributed to major shortfalls in state revenues and increases in
6 state expenditures; and

7 **WHEREAS** Medicare and Medicaid costs have risen causing states serious budgeting
8 problems; and

9 **WHEREAS** states are striving to reallocate available funds to address this economic
10 situation; and

11 **WHEREAS** the requirements for maintenance of state effort under certain federal
12 programs denies states the opportunity to reduce or reallocate a large share of state
13 expenditures; and

14 **WHEREAS** states must have this flexibility to develop budgets that truly address and
15 meet important state needs;

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United
2 States Congress to grant a two-year moratorium on state maintenance of effort requirements
3 for federally funded programs so that states may have more flexibility to address priorities
4 and to react to the fiscal situation.

5 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Thomas Daschle, Majority
6 Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Trent Lott, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the
7 Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
8 Richard A. Gephardt, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
9 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
10 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress;