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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of a main
6 or central mental health hospital.

7 WHEREAS, Public Law 830, 84th Congress, 2nd Session, author-
8 izes the construction of a hospital and other facilities in
9 Alaska for the carrying out of a comprehensive mental health
10 program; and

11 WHEREAS, such construction program is to be in accordance
12 with a plan developed by the Territory in consultation with the
13 Public Health Service and approved by the Surgeon General; and

14 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska has been
15 advised of alternate plans; and

16 WHEREAS, one of the prime determinations to be made is the
17 location of a main or central hospital; and

18 WHEREAS, the principle considerations in determining where
19 such a main or central hospital should be located are (1) medical,
20 (2) humanitarian, and (3) financial; and

21 WHEREAS, in determining the medical factor, the City of
22 Anchorage (1) has the best potential for a medical training
23 center, (2) concentrates the largest medical population, (3) is
24 presently the medical center for Alaska, and (4) has the largest
25 public health service hospital available, both for coordination
26 and facilities; and

27 WHEREAS, in determining the humanitarian factor, the City
28 of Anchorage (1) is easily accessible because of its transporta-
29 tion facilities, thus affording patients the opportunity of

1 visitation by their families and friends, (2) is favored with
2 many cultural benefits to help rehabilitate those committed to
3 a mental hospital, and (3) is located in the least confining
4 climate zone of the Territory; and

5 WHEREAS, in determining the financial factor, the City of
6 Anchorage (1) is situated in a locality where the cost of con-
7 struction, including materials, utilities and maintenance, are
8 minimum for the population served, and (2) has the largest labor
9 resources for the construction and maintaining of a mental health
10 hospital, thus assuring the easy procurement of needed personnel,

11 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives
12 of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Third Session assembled,
13 that Charles Heyman, M. D., Commissioner of Health for the Terri-
14 tory of Alaska, and on its behalf, is hereby directed to develop
15 a comprehensive construction program to provide for the construc-
16 tion of a main or central mental hospital in the City of
17 Anchorage.

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