

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR LOGAN

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN THE  
6 FIRST LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

7 WHEREAS, the small, private, volunteer hospitals in the State  
8 of Alaska have long been accepting for treatment indigent patients  
9 who are unable to pay for their care; and

10 WHEREAS, these indigent patients are those who are not  
11 technically eligible for state aid of any sort, being capable of  
12 self-support when not hospitalized; and

13 WHEREAS, said volunteer hospitals have no recourse for reim-  
14 bursement of the costs of treating such patients; and

15 WHEREAS, these hospitals are in this way performing very  
16 worthwhile services that are carried out by county charity hos-  
17 pitals in other jurisdictions; and

18 WHEREAS, the cost of establishing such charity hospitals in  
19 Alaska at the present time would be prohibitive; and

20 WHEREAS, it is to the best interests of the state to continue  
21 to utilize the volunteer hospitals but to do so in the care of  
22 indigents on a reimburseable basis;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
24 First Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Director of  
25 Public Welfare, or his successor to the functions of state welfare,  
26 be directed to include in his budget requests to the governor and  
27 the legislature an amount to cover the payment to volunteer hos-  
28 pitals for the care of indigent citizens not now eligible for  
29 state aid.