

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS OWEN, ENGSTROM AND HOPSON
2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to the gradual withdrawal
6 of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
7 from Alaska.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND
9 LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, all the people of Alaska are and must be one in
11 their striving for maturity as citizens of a sovereign state; and

12 WHEREAS, a serious divisive force in the political and social
13 life of the State of Alaska is the continuance of the program of
14 race segregation emanating from the policy and program of the
15 Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

16 WHEREAS, the general program of the Bureau has been
17 accomplished and its continuance beyond the immediate future
18 would only perpetuate its segregationist policies in the interest
19 of perpetuating a bureaucracy which is outliving its original
20 purpose; and

21 WHEREAS, the state can and should gradually assume the
22 responsibility of any meritorious portions of the program now
23 being carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska
25 in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the
26 Secretary of the Interior is respectfully requested to develop
27 a program for the gradual withdrawal of the Bureau of Indian
28 Affairs from Alaska over the next 15 years to the end that
29 all citizens of Alaska may live and be treated as first-class

1 citizens of a sovereign state and not the wards or pawns of
2 a bureaucracy which maintains itself by keeping its charges in
3 a dependent and second-class status; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
5 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
6 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior;
7 and to the members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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