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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the control of
6 tuberculosis in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS, the number of new cases of tuberculosis in Alaska
9 increased in 1963 by 25% over 1962, and in 1962 by 20% over 1961;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Alaska had a new active tuberculosis case rate
12 greater than four times the United States average for all races
13 in 1963; and

14 WHEREAS, Alaska's natives have a new active tuberculosis
15 case rate greater than seventeen times the United States average
16 for all races in 1963; and

17 WHEREAS, the primary responsibility for tuberculosis control
18 rests with the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare, while
19 the Alaska Native Health Service of the United States Public
20 Health Service is responsible for treatment of tuberculosis in
21 the Alaska native population; and

22 WHEREAS, the large reservoir of infection that exists in
23 the Alaska native population will continue to exist for many
24 years to come; and

25 WHEREAS, no effective immunization is available against
26 tuberculosis and continuance of the trend can be expected under
27 present methods of tuberculosis control; and

28 WHEREAS, the United States Public Health Service has con-
29 ducted a highly successful pilot program of chemotherapy pro-

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1 phylaxis in the Bethel area; and

2 WHEREAS, the Alaska Tuberculosis Association proposes a
3 thorough, large-scale program of chemotherapy prophylaxis to
4 finally approach eradication of the disease; and

5 WHEREAS, the State Department of Health and Welfare endorses
6 such a program of chemotherapy and has urged it independently in
7 the past, but does not have the manpower resources to accomplish
8 it with state personnel;

9 BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Department of
10 Health, Education and Welfare is respectfully requested to carry
11 out a thorough, large-scale and long-term program of chemotherapy
12 prophylaxis in areas of high incidence of tuberculosis in the
13 State of Alaska; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Health and
15 Welfare of the State of Alaska, in cooperation with the Alaska
16 Tuberculosis Association, actively promote, assist and support
17 the implementing of such a program; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
19 the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, the Surgeon
20 General of the United States Public Health Service, the Medical
21 Director of the Alaska Native Health Area Office, and the mem-
22 bers of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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