

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the road program of

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the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

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WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs administers a program
9 for the construction of roads on Indian lands and Indian reserva-
10 tions; and

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WHEREAS, the usefulness of this program to Alaska is limited
12 by the definition of scope because the conditions in the other
13 states do not apply to those prevailing in Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, the Indian lands of Northwestern Alaska consist
15 mostly of communities separated from one another by other federal
16 lands rather than following the large reservation system found in
17 many other states; and

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WHEREAS, the need of these Alaskan Native communities for
19 connection with one another is even more imperative than that of
20 the traditional Indian reservations which in many cases are
21 surrounded or bordered by developed private or state lands;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is requested
23 to reassess its road building program to broaden its scope to
24 include the conditions peculiar to Indian and federal lands in
25 Alaska and the people and communities to be served; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
27 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
28 Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the
29 Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Alaska Area Director, Bureau of

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1 Indian Affairs; and the members of the Alaska Delegation in
2 Congress.

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