

1 IN THE SENATE BY BLODGETT

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to loan assistance for
6 the fishermen of the village of
7 Kotlik.

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

9 WHEREAS the thirty-two fishermen of the village of Kotlik
10 have expressed an urgent need for obtaining loans through the
11 United States Office of Economic Opportunity or other sources
12 for the purchase of fishing nets; and

13 WHEREAS purchase of their own fishing nets will enable
14 village fishermen to obtain a more adequate return on their sales
15 of fish than is possible at present, since the fishermen are
16 dependent for nets on the fish processors to whom they sell and
17 who extract large allowances for use of the nets; and

18 WHEREAS the residents of the village of Kotlik are virtually
19 totally dependent on fishing income for sustenance and are finding
20 it extremely difficult to subsist on the present returns from
21 sales of fish; and

22 WHEREAS the great need for nets to improve the return on
23 fish sales to levels more adequate for sustenance make time of
24 the essence in securing the necessary loans;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested
26 to direct that representatives of the Department of Economic
27 Development and Planning, the Department of Labor and the Rural
28 Development Agency meet promptly with representatives of the
29 village council of Kotlik in order to advise and assist in

1 obtaining loans for fishing nets and otherwise aiding in improv-
2 ing the level of fishing income for the village residents.

3 A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
4 Dale R. Sanner, Alaska Supervisor, Farmers Home Administration.

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