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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to housing in Indian and
6 Native villages.

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

8 WHEREAS many Indian and Native villages in the United States
9 lack adequate housing facilities; and

10 WHEREAS the lack of adequate housing facilities is both a
11 danger to the health and the economic prosperity of Indian and
12 Native communities in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS under the present law the Public Housing Authority
14 has developed a mutual-help housing program under which financial
15 and technical assistance is given to qualified Indian and Native
16 communities; and

17 WHEREAS under the mutual-help housing program many Indian and
18 Native villages are unable to benefit from the program because of
19 the high standards needed to qualify; and

20 WHEREAS in some Indian and Native villages the housing program
21 lacks adequate coordination and community planning which is caus-
22 ing poor housing development and economic waste;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Housing Administration is re-
24 spectfully urged to act as the community planner and to coordinate
25 all activities on housing development for Indian and Native vil-
26 lages between itself, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Public
27 Health Service, and the Alaska State Housing Authority; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Housing Administration is
29 respectfully urged to change its eligibility requirements under

1 the mutual-help housing program so that the program will be
2 accessible to a larger number of Indian and Native villages; and
3 be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
5 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary, Department of the In-
6 terior; the Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary, Department
7 of Health, Education, and Welfare; the Honorable Marie C. McGuire,
8 Commissioner, Public Housing Administration; the Honorable Philleo
9 Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Robert L.
10 Bennett, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable
11 Luther L. Terry, Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service; and
12 the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening,
13 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Repre-
14 sentative, the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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