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1 **IN THE SENATE**

BY BLODGETT

2 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 92**

3 **IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

4 **FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

5 **Relating to establishment of a**
6 **public cooperative for water supply**
7 **at Bethel.**

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

9 **WHEREAS** concern has been expressed over the adequacy and
10 **availability on reasonable terms of water for drinking and sani-**
11 **tation purposes in the village of Bethel; and**

12 **WHEREAS** recent incidence of serious illness and alarming rise
13 **in infant mortality intensify the concern; and**

14 **WHEREAS** residents of Bethel are dependent for their water
15 **supply on only one privately-owned well, operated as a commercial**
16 **enterprise; and**

17 **WHEREAS** an experimental well installed by the United States
18 **Bureau of Indian Affairs is not in use but could feasibly be made**
19 **operable and provide an economical and safe water supply subject**
20 **to continuing public supervision;**

21 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislature respectfully urges
22 **representatives of the Public Health Service of the United States**
23 **Department of Health, Education and Welfare and representatives of**
24 **the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs meet promptly with**
25 **representatives of the village of Bethel with respect to the**
26 **establishment of a public cooperative for water supply which will**
27 **utilize, if feasible, the experimental well installed by the**
28 **Bureau in the village.**

29 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable

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John W. Gardner, Secretary, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable William H. Stewart, Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service; the Honorable Carruth J. Wagner, Assistant Surgeon General and Chief, Division of Indian Health, United States Public Health Service; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Owen Morken, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.