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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 93

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting cooperation in the elimina-
6 tion of federal social service systems
7 in Alaska which are parallel with those
8 of the state.

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

10 WHEREAS secs. 4 and 5 of art. VII of the Alaska Constitution, in recog-
11 nition of the state's primary responsibility for providing social services,
12 state that the legislature shall provide for the promotion and protection of
13 public health and shall provide for public welfare; and

14 WHEREAS the legislature has instituted certain programs for the promo-
15 tion and protection of public health and other programs providing for public
16 welfare, all of which are open to all of the people of Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS there presently exists in Alaska a wasteful duplication of
18 social services in that the social services provided for Alaska Natives by
19 the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Public Health Service parallel certain
20 services provided presently and some which will be provided in the near
21 future by the state; and

22 WHEREAS, just as the state is assuming the responsibility for education
23 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, it must eventually assume the responsibili-
24 ty for providing social services to all of its citizens; and

25 WHEREAS the actual implementation of such a program takeover from the
26 federal agencies will come about more quickly and efficiently if the state
27 has the administrative cooperation and financial participation of the Bureau
28 of Indian Affairs and the Public Health Service; and

29 WHEREAS the benefits of the assumption by the state of full responsi-

1 bility for social services are the elimination of duplicating social service
2 structures, the increase in service coordination and comprehensiveness, the
3 integration of Native people into the democratization of the social service
4 system, and the elimination of a racially-based program;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Public Health
6 Service are requested to conduct a study with the objective of entering into
7 negotiations with the State of Alaska concerning the transfer of their
8 social service functions to the state; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Public Health
10 Service are requested to cooperate administratively and financially in help-
11 ing the State of Alaska assume the full responsibility of providing broad-
12 based social services to all of the people of the state.

13 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
14 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chair-
15 man, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Wayne N.
16 Aspinall, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the
17 Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Robert
18 H. Finch, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable Louis R.
19 Bruce, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Vice Admiral G. M. Davis, Surgeon
20 General, U.S. Public Health Service; the Honorable Charles A. Richmond, Area
21 Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
22 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock,
23 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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