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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to food gathering and cold

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storage facilities for the inhabitants

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of Little Diomed Island.

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

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WHEREAS the inhabitants of Little Diomed Island subsist primarily from

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the spring walrus hunts; and

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WHEREAS presently the only boats available for these hunts are open

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skin boats powered by outboard motors; and

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WHEREAS the Bering Straits around Little Diomed Island are extremely

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dangerous waters for the use of such craft; and

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WHEREAS the inhabitants of the island could, if adequate harvesting

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and storage facilities were available, provide walrus meat for many of the

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villages on the mainland at a much lower price than these villagers presently

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have to pay for transported food products, and at the same time give the

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inhabitants of the island a greater degree of participation in the cash

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economy;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct

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the Department of Economic Development to work out an agreement with the

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inhabitants of Little Diomed Island whereby a sea going vessel suitable for

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their use is made available for the walrus hunt and cold storage facilities

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for storing the walrus meat are constructed on the island.

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