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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Bureau of Land Manage-
6 ment's proposed move of land adjudica-
7 tors and land records from the
8 Fairbanks office to the Southcentral
9 office.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

11 WHEREAS the presence of land records and adjudicators in the Bureau of
12 Land Management's office in Fairbanks is essential to the efficient opera-
13 tion of the bureau's functions; and

14 WHEREAS persons dealing with land transactions would be greatly incon-
15 venienced and in some cases denied this pursuit altogether due to costs
16 involved in commuting to Southcentral Alaska to determine needed information
17 and

18 WHEREAS the office in Fairbanks is in the closest possible proximity
19 to the transactions on the North Slope and to the major land masses of the
20 state; and

21 WHEREAS the imminent removal of the present "land freeze" is presently
22 causing tremendous activity in the land transaction field and will be
23 increased a hundredfold when finally removed; and

24 WHEREAS these facts point to a needed increase in staffing at the
25 Fairbanks office rather than its depletion;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate respectfully requests the
27 Secretary of the Interior to direct the Bureau of Land Management to recon-
28 sider this proposed move of its offices and functions and rescind this
29 proposal; the Senate further requests that needed augmentation of staff

1 in the Bureau of Land Management's office in Anchorage and Fairbanks be
2 provided by additional personnel, and not at the expense of one office or
3 the other, since both offices can anticipate heightened land transaction
4 activity in the very near future.

5 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
6 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel,
7 Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
8 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock,
9 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.