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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 101

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Supporting passage of H.R. 2377.

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

7 WHEREAS H. R. 2377 is currently pending before the United States Con-  
8 gress and, if passed, would provide for the assumption of control and  
9 operation by Indian tribes and communities of certain programs and services  
10 provided by the federal government; and

11 WHEREAS passage of H. R. 2377 would encourage indigenous groups such as  
12 Alaska's Indians and Eskimos to order and control their own lives; and

13 WHEREAS currently, as an example, the Indian Health Service of the  
14 United States Public Health Service devises and directs health programs for  
15 rural Natives of Alaska from offices in Anchorage and Washington, D. C.; and

16 WHEREAS programs administered from afar are many times not fully respon-  
17 sive to local needs; and

18 WHEREAS an object of H.R. 2377 is to encourage local determination in  
19 matters of health planning and the provision of health services; and

20 WHEREAS local control would enhance awareness of health needs for a  
21 given area and at the same time provide for local responsibility; and

22 WHEREAS Alaska's indigenous groups are increasingly capable by reason  
23 of education, experience and resources to plan and execute such matters as  
24 health programs for themselves;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Congress  
26 is urged to enact H. R. 2377 at the earliest possible time, making it a  
27 priority item during the current session of Congress.

28 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
29 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Elliott L. Richardson,

1 Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Dr. Emery Johnson,  
2 Director, Indian Health Service; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman,  
3 Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Wayne N.  
4 Aspinall, Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and to  
5 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and  
6 the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska dele-  
7 gation in Congress.

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