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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the location of the
6 Bureau of Indian Affairs headquarters.

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

8 WHEREAS the location of the Bureau of Indian Affairs headquarters in
9 Juneau has the ultimate effect of removing it from the main centers of the
10 people they are supposed to serve; and

11 WHEREAS the costs of communications and transportation often render
12 contact with the BIA by the Native population they are supposed to be serving
13 impossible; and

14 WHEREAS many problems are never even brought to the BIA's attention
15 because of this dislocation of the headquarters, thus multiplying the prob-
16 lems of the Native population instead of resolving them; and

17 WHEREAS the relocation of the headquarters to Anchorage would place
18 the BIA in an area much closer to the majority of the Native population and
19 resolve many of the problems created by their location in Juneau;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventh Alaska Legislature respectfully request
21 the Secretary of the Interior to consider, in light of the above mentioned
22 problems, the relocation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs headquarters to
23 Anchorage, Alaska.

24 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B.
25 Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Louis R. Bruce,
26 Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the Honorable Morris Thompson,
27 Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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