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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the establishment of a

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nutrition program for the elderly.

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

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WHEREAS many of Alaska's senior citizens, particularly those who are

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handicapped, are unable to market and prepare adequate, nutritious meals for

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themselves; and

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WHEREAS there is substantial medical evidence that at least two hot,

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well-prepared, nutritious meals a day make a substantial difference in both

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the physical well-being and mental outlook of aging persons; and

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WHEREAS for a very small price meals could be brought to Alaska's aged

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at their homes, thereby promoting good health and saving self-esteem; and

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WHEREAS the State of Alaska should implement the provisions of the

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federal Nutrition Program for the Elderly (Public Law 92-258) in order to

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obtain federal grants that provide 90 per cent of the cost of approved nutri-

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tion programs sponsored by local or state agencies whose contribution of 10

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per cent may be "in-kind" services or materials;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully requests the

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Governor to direct the Commissioner of Health and Social Services and the

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Department's Office of Aging to implement the Nutrition Program for the

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Elderly (Public Law 92-258), commonly known as the "Meals on Wheels" program,

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and to establish it in this state for use in every community with adequate

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facilities for implementation of the program.

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