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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the increase in the cost of  
6 food stamps.

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

8 WHEREAS the President of the United States has proposed raising the  
9 cost of food stamps, and the proposal is scheduled to take effect in March  
10 1975; and

11 WHEREAS the proposal would require almost every household in the food  
12 stamp program to pay a flat 30 per cent of its net income to purchase food  
13 stamps, as compared with the present average payment by a household of 23  
14 per cent of its net income to purchase food stamps; and

15 WHEREAS the effect of the proposal would be to cut food stamp benefits  
16 for about 95 per cent of food stamp recipients or 14 million Americans; and

17 WHEREAS the proposal would most severely affect the ability of the  
18 elderly and very poor in America to properly nourish themselves; and

19 WHEREAS the economic benefit to the country of the proposal is question-  
20 able because of the recessive effect of decreased spending ability of  
21 14 million Americans;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly supports the  
23 United States Congress in its action on H.R. 1589, which freezes the price of  
24 food stamps; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges  
26 President Ford to sign H.R. 1589 into law.

27 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,  
28 President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
29 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.

1 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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