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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the Governor to declare the
6 Village of Karluk, Alaska, a disaster
7 area.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

9 WHEREAS, during the weekend of January 7-8, 1978, the coastal fishing
10 village of Karluk sustained extensive damage from winds and high seas; and

11 WHEREAS the village is divided by a lagoon estuary at the mouth of the
12 Karluk River, and the two segments of the village are connected by a spit of
13 some 4,000 feet and a foot bridge which spans the river; and

14 WHEREAS the storm has collapsed the state-constructed foot bridge;
15 breached the spit in at least four locations resulting in irreparable damage;
16 washed out the village fuel tank, spilling several structures; and eroded the
17 river bank to the extent that several additional homes and community facili-
18 ties are in danger of collapse; and

19 WHEREAS the damages sustained have cut off the majority of the community
20 from the store, school, and float plane beaching area; and

21 WHEREAS the damages sustained include lack of physical access to the
22 school because of the destruction of the bridge and extensive breaching of
23 the connecting spit, requiring immediate construction of a new school to
24 avoid substantial danger to the life of the children; and

25 WHEREAS the costs of re-establishing necessary services, replacing lost
26 structures, reconstructing the bridge, and repairing the spit for foot traffic,
27 far exceed the financial capabilities of the village government and the
28 Kodiak Island Borough; and

29 WHEREAS under AS 26.23.020 the Governor is responsible for meeting the

1 dangers presented by disaster to the state and its people and has the author-
2 ity to declare a condition of disaster emergency by proclamation;

3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State House of Representatives respectfully
4 requests the Governor to declare the village of Karluk a disaster area and
5 eligible for state and federal disaster relief and reconstruction funds.
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