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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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"A resolution endorsing the concept

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and requesting implementation of the

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Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978."

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

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WHEREAS the Congress of the United States has adopted the Indian Child  
10 Welfare Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-608) declaring "[T]hat it is the policy of this  
11 Nation to protect the best interests of Indian children and to promote the  
12 stability and security of Indian tribes and families by the establishment of  
13 minimum Federal standards for the removal of Indian children from their  
14 families and the placement of such children in foster or adoptive homes which  
15 will reflect the unique values of Indian culture...."; and

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WHEREAS it is state policy to promote the stability and security of  
17 Native American families; and

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WHEREAS historically a highly disproportionate number of Native American  
19 children in Alaska are from families broken up by the removal of children  
20 with an alarmingly high percentage of these children being placed in non-  
21 Native foster homes, adoptive homes or institutions; and

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WHEREAS the primary intent of the Act is to prevent the break up of  
23 Native American families and to preserve the cultural and social standards  
24 prevailing in Native culture; and

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WHEREAS the intent and policy of the Act accords with, and is a strong  
26 tool for implementation of, state policy;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that:

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(1) the legislature endorses and supports the concept and policy  
29 of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-608);

1 (2) the Governor is urgently requested to direct the Department of  
2 Health and Social Services to promptly take the steps necessary to implement  
3 the Act in Alaska and to provide the financing necessary for implementation;

4 (3) the chief justice of the Alaska supreme court is requested to  
5 direct the court system to promptly take steps necessary to cooperate in the  
6 implementation of the Act in Alaska.

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