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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the U. S. Public Health
6 Service to integrate federal health
7 delivery systems with local, state,
8 and private health delivery systems
9 in Alaska.

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

11 WHEREAS the fiscal year 1978 operating budget of the Alaska Area Native
12 Health Service was in excess of \$66,000,000; and

13 WHEREAS of the total fiscal year 1979 appropriation for the health com-
14 ponent, 50.5 per cent came out of the state general fund and 49.5 per cent
15 came out of funding from federal and other sources; and

16 WHEREAS the Consumer Price Index for Anchorage for medical care has been
17 higher than the U. S. average since 1975; and

18 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has endorsed the inclusion of federal facil-
19 ities under the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of
20 1974; and

21 WHEREAS the federal government should apply to those activities and
22 facilities it controls the same standards that it mandates for states and
23 local entities; and

24 WHEREAS no population group in Alaska should be without access to
25 quality medical care regardless of ability to pay; and

26 WHEREAS a comprehensive range of coordinated physical, mental, and
27 environmental services should be available which are specific to particular
28 needs and which have a cost commensurate with the level of care; and

29 WHEREAS the provision of preventive medical and behavioral treatment or

1 rehabilitation in response to mental illness and alcohol abuse is an especi-
2 ally important health care issue in Alaska; and

3 WHEREAS the Legislature of the State of Alaska is desirous of developing
4 and implementing mechanisms for coordinating the state's multiple health care
5 resources to minimize the present piecemeal approach which leads to duplica-
6 tion, gaps in care, divided loyalties, lack of cooperation, and ignorance of
7 available but complex services;

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
9 the U. S. Public Health Service to integrate federal health delivery systems
10 with local, state, and private health delivery systems for the provision of
11 quality health care to all Alaskans.

12 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph A.
13 Califano, Jr., Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare; the Honorable
14 Julius B. Richmond, Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health; and
15 to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators,
16 and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska
17 delegation in Congress.

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