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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to participation by the
6 state in the White House Conference
7 on Families.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS President Carter has announced that the White House Conference
10 on Families in 1980 will meet to identify ways to strengthen and support
11 American families; and

12 WHEREAS Governor Hammond issued an Executive Proclamation on January 31,
13 1980, declaring March, 1980, to be White House Conference on Families Month
14 and inviting community organizations to encourage local participation through
15 meetings and hearings in order to assist in developing public policy in
16 support of families; and

17 WHEREAS in the proclamation Governor Hammond declared the goal of the
18 state program to be, through broad public participation, the assessment of
19 needs and the development of policies which give support to families in the
20 delivery of programs and services; and

21 WHEREAS the organizational work to implement the directive contained in
22 the Executive Proclamation was done largely through statewide volunteer
23 efforts supported by the Governor's Office; and

24 WHEREAS hearings were held in Anchorage, Bethel, Dillingham, Eagle
25 River, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Sitka, Seldovia,
26 Soldotna, and the Yukon-Kuskokwim area, and testimony was collected by the
27 Alaska Native Sisterhood, Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, Kodiak
28 Native Association, and Tanana Chiefs Conference, as part of the efforts to
29 carry out the directive; and

1 WHEREAS the Alaska White House Conference on Families, the culmination
2 of statewide hearings, village council meetings, reports, organizational
3 meetings and public testimony, was held on March 28 and 29 in Anchorage and
4 included participation by delegates chosen through their involvement in local
5 activities, elections, steering committees, advisory committees and through
6 appointment by legislators; and

7 WHEREAS delegates to the Alaska White House Conference on Families
8 considered issues related to family strengths and supports, diversity of
9 families, changing realities of family life, impact of public and private
10 institutional policies on families, impact of discrimination on families, and
11 families with special needs; and

12 WHEREAS delegates to the Alaska White House Conference on Families
13 identified 12 issues relating to families and developed recommendations for
14 each issue; and

15 WHEREAS delegates to the Alaska White House Conference elected six of
16 their members and the governor appointed three other persons to represent the
17 State of Alaska at the White House Conference on Families; and

18 WHEREAS the Alaska delegation can offer valuable insight to the White
19 House Conference on Families on unique features of the Alaskan lifestyle
20 which strengthen family life such as the appreciation of the natural habitat,
21 the social openness and trust, and the degree of individual self-sufficiency;
22 and

23 WHEREAS the broad-based participation of people from throughout the
24 state has produced Alaska delegates to the White House Conference on Families
25 who represent the diversity of views and philosophies on the subject of
26 family life which exists in the state;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate supports participation by the state in
28 the White House Conference on Families and the attendance of the elected and
29 appointed Alaska delegates.