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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the elimination of the  
6 Bureau of Indian Affairs Alaska  
7 general assistance program.

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

9 WHEREAS President Reagan has proposed a comprehensive program to bring  
10 about a recovery of the economy of the nation; and

11 WHEREAS, in keeping with the Administration's policy of reducing  
12 government spending, the Department of the Interior has sent a budget to  
13 Congress reduced by \$79,900,000, a seven percent reduction; and

14 WHEREAS the Department of the Interior budget reduction includes the  
15 total elimination of \$5,700,000 for the Alaska general assistance welfare  
16 grants; and

17 WHEREAS the Alaska general assistance program to Alaska Natives is  
18 being eliminated due to the good financial status of the state but all other  
19 tribes will receive increases through general assistance programs; and

20 WHEREAS the elimination of the Alaska general assistance program is a  
21 breach of the federal government's responsibility to Native Alaskans; and

22 WHEREAS the Alaska general assistance program provides needed cash  
23 assistance to an average of 5,500 eligible Native Alaskans; and

24 WHEREAS the elimination of the Alaska general assistance program is a  
25 discriminatory budget reduction and not in the spirit of the Administra-  
26 tion's program to reduce government spending by spreading reductions fairly;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
28 respectfully requested to direct the attorney general to investigate legal  
29 action the state may take to prevent the Department of the Interior from

eliminating funding for the Alaska general assistance program.

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