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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to state policy regarding
6 health care provided to Alaska
7 citizens.

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

9 WHEREAS Alaska Natives are entitled to health care on an equal basis
10 with other Alaskans because of their status as citizens of the State of
11 Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS the health status of Alaska Natives is significantly below that
13 of non-Natives; and

14 WHEREAS the federal government has a unique and continuing relationship
15 with Alaska Natives that is separate and apart from its relationship with
16 other American citizens, and this relationship, according to the Indian
17 Health Care Improvement Act of 1976, requires the federal government to
18 provide health care to Alaska Natives; and

19 WHEREAS the fact that the federal government provides health care to
20 Alaska Natives does not relieve the state from its public health responsibili-
21 ties towards Alaska Natives as well as other Alaskans; and

22 WHEREAS regional, municipal, and local nonprofit health organizations
23 are providing health care to Alaskans, are familiar with the health needs of
24 individual communities, and are appropriate providers of care in those commu-
25 nities;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the state has the responsibility to assure the
27 availability of public health care to all Alaska citizens; and be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the state, to the degree possible, contract with,
29 consult with, or use the services of regional, municipal, or local nonprofit

1 health organizations when providing community and public health services.

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