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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Alaska Native Allot-
6 ment Act.

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

8 WHEREAS Congress passed the Alaska Native Allotment Act in 1906 to
9 provide indigenous Alaska residents the opportunity to receive legal title
10 to ancestral lands, in order to protect the traditional use and occupancy of
11 that land; and

12 WHEREAS allotment applications were made under the Act on National
13 Forest land when it could be determined that Native Alaskans occupied the
14 land before the withdrawal as National Forest; and

15 WHEREAS the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 contains a
16 clause which protects pending allotment applications; and

17 WHEREAS over 300 Native Alaskans have made application for allotment of
18 National Forest land; and

19 WHEREAS it is the policy of the state to encourage and promote the
20 transfer of public land to private ownership;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports allotment of
22 land traditionally used by Native Alaskans to indigenous Alaska residents;
23 and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Secre-
25 tary of the Interior to resolve equitably and expeditiously the applications
26 for allocation of National Forest land made by Native Alaskans under the
27 Alaska Native Allotment Act.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James Watt,
29 Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable

1 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Represen-
2 tative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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