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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to annexation to the City
6 of Nome.

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

8 WHEREAS the City of Nome petitioned the commissioner of community and
9 regional affairs for annexation of 235.65 square miles to the City of Nome;
10 and

11 WHEREAS the commissioner of community and regional affairs recommended
12 to the Local Boundary Commission annexation of 14.5 square miles to the City
13 of Nome; and

14 WHEREAS the Local Boundary Commission recommended in its report to the
15 Twelfth Legislature the annexation of 17.83 square miles to the City of
16 Nome; and

17 WHEREAS the Twelfth Legislature, by its adoption of Senate Joint Reso-
18 lution No. 16, has disapproved the annexation recommended by the Local
19 Boundary Commission; and

20 WHEREAS, after opportunity for public comment, it appears that a plan
21 for providing city services to the area which was proposed to be annexed was
22 not available for public review and comment; and

23 WHEREAS there is evidence in the record that population growth and
24 development are occurring in the area which was proposed to be annexed; and

25 WHEREAS the population growth and development have created a situation
26 which endangers the public health and requires that certain city services be
27 provided; and

28 WHEREAS city services are presently extended outside existing city
29 boundaries without commensurate tax contributions;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
2 respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of community and regional
3 affairs to immediately

4 (1) work with the appropriate departments of state government,
5 the City of Nome, the Sitnasuak Native Corporation, the Bering Straits
6 Native Corporation, and private landowners to develop a mutually acceptable
7 plan for annexation of the area as well as other alternatives to meet the
8 public needs;

9 (2) work with the City of Nome and residents of the area proposed
10 to be annexed to examine alternatives and the impact of services to be
11 provided to the area, including but not limited to,

12 (A) staged annexation by which an area would be annexed to
13 match the timing of extension of city services;

14 (B) annexation, with a city plan for providing services
15 based on differential tax zones for the level of services provided;

16 (C) any other method of providing city services throughout
17 the area proposed to be annexed;

18 (3) convene one or more public meetings with interested residents
19 of the area proposed to be annexed to ascertain the nature and degree of
20 services essential to the area, and to review information on costs and
21 benefits of the various alternatives for delivering services to the area;

22 (4) evaluate, after consultation with the City of Nome, the
23 alternatives for annexation and recommend a plan of implementation; and

24 (5) transmit a report to the City of Nome and to the Second
25 Session of the Twelfth Legislature by January 31, 1982; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that if the City of Nome submits a petition for annex-
27 ation to the commissioner of community and regional affairs, the Local
28 Boundary Commission will closely follow prescribed procedures and guidelines
29 in evaluating the petition in terms of the standards for annexation.