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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to hepatitis B.

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

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WHEREAS the hepatitis B virus is becoming a significant health problem

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in the state; and

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WHEREAS screening examinations are required for approximately 86,000

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high-risk Alaskans; and

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WHEREAS failure to respond to the hepatitis B virus threat will incur

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long-term social and fiscal costs; and

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WHEREAS the only known means of preventing hepatitis B is through an

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immunization program; and

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WHEREAS the Indian Health Service has requested \$3,000,000 over the

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next three years to help prevent the spread of hepatitis B virus in the

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state;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

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the governor to continue developing a program to control hepatitis B virus

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in the state.

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A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Bill Sheffield.