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Original sponsor: Ferguson

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 (HESS)

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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 health care delivery to

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non-Native dependents by the United

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States Public Health Service.

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

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WHEREAS Public Law 97-394, making appropriations for the Department of
10 Interior, was signed by the President of the United States in December 30,
11 1982; and

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WHEREAS Public Law 97-394 restricts the health care services that may
13 be provided to non-Native dependents of Alaska Natives by the Indian Health
14 Service; and

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WHEREAS Public Law 97-394 became effective immediately and had an
16 immediate and adverse effect on health care planning for Native Alaskans
17 and their non-Native dependents;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
19 that the United States Congress suspend for a period of six months the
20 provisions of Public Law 97-394 that restrict the health care services that
21 may be provided to non-Native dependents of Alaska Natives by the Indian
22 Health Service, so that these dependents may have an adequate opportunity
23 to find alternative health care; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is respectfully
25 requested to require the Indian Health Service to provide six months notice
26 to persons whose eligibility for health care services is to be curtailed or
27 eliminated, so that those persons may have an adequate opportunity to find
28 alternative health care.

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COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Edward N.

1 Brandt, Jr., Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service; and to
2 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators,
3 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
4 delegation in Congress.