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1 IN THE SENATE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23 (C&RA)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Endorsing the application of the Depart-
6 ment of Commerce and Economic Develop-
7 ment for a rural development assistance
8 demonstration grant.
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 WHEREAS the state is experiencing a major downturn in its economy due
11 to the drop in oil revenue over the past two years; and
12 WHEREAS the people of the state are faced with rising unemployment,
13 reduced state and local government services, a decrease in the level of
14 business activity, and in many instances, the personal tragedy of the loss
15 of a home or personal property; and
16 WHEREAS all areas of the state are being affected by the drop in oil
17 revenue and the reduction of state and local services; and
18 WHEREAS the large size of the state and the sparse population of the
19 rural parts of the state cause unique problems for the delivery of ser-
20 vices; and
21 WHEREAS the rural areas of the state are a vital and important part of
22 the state; and
23 WHEREAS the Department of Commerce and Economic Development has sub-
24 mitted an application to the federal Economic Development Administration
25 for a rural economic development assistance grant that would fund a demon-
26 stration project to promote economic development, establish businesses, and
27 increase job opportunities in the rural areas of the state;
28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature endorses the applica-
29 tion by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development for a rural

1 development assistance demonstration grant from the Economic Development
2 Administration; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Economic Development Administration is
4 requested to expedite the review and approval of the grant application.

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Malcolm
6 Baldrige, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce; and to the Honor-
7 able Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
8 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
9 in Congress.