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# PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of THE THIRTEENTH TERRITORIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY unanimously passed a SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION as follows:

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

### IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

#### THIRTEENTH SESSION

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

WHEREAS, the Thirteenth Regular Session of the Alaska Territorial Legislature convened at Juneau, Alaska, on the second Monday in January, 1937, as the law directs; and

WHEREAS, owing to the lack of transportation facilities caused by the long protracted marine strike, and unfavorable weather conditions such as to forbid travel by air many members of the Legislature were not and could not be present for many days thereafter, thereby delaying much important legislation coming before this body; and

WHEREAS, the most important legislation ever to come before the Territorial Legislature, to-wit, the consideration, adoption, and/or rejection by the Legislature of certain features of the Act of Congress approved August 14, 1935, otherwise designated, pursuant to its title, as the "Social Security Act," still remains to be considered and acted upon; and

WHEREAS, the amount of necessary and important legislation now confronting the present session of the Legislature makes it impossible to give the same consideration to which it is entitled within the prescribed limit of the present session, to-wit, within sixty days; and

WHEREAS, if such legislation now pending before said body, and to be presented thereto, shall receive the proper consideration, an extra session of the Legislature becomes imperative;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that His Excellency, the Governor of Alaska, be requested to call an extra session of this Legislature upon its adjournment, March 11, 1937, for the purpose of allowing sufficient time in which to properly consider and dispose of the aforementioned legislation, and to provide funds for carrying out the provisions of the Social Security Act.

Passed by the Senate, February 6th, 1937.

M. E. S. BRUNELLE,  
President of the Senate.

ATTEST:

JESTA M. TIMMERMAN,  
Secretary of the Senate.

Passed by the House, February 7th, 1937.

JOE GREEN,  
Speaker of the House.

ATTEST:

MARGARET O. GRISHAM,  
Chief Clerk of the House.

and

WHEREAS, I am convinced that the Resolution aforesaid sets forth the actual conditions as they exist at this time creating a public necessity which requires that there should be an extraordinary session of the Territorial Legislature following the present regular session;

THEREFORE, I, JOHN W. TROY, Governor of Alaska by authority vested in me by Section 472 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1933, HEREBY, summon the Legislature to convene in extraordinary session at Juneau on March 19, 1937, to consider legislation made necessary by the National Social Security Act and to provide funds that may be necessary to execute said legislation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name and caused the Official Seal of the Territory of Alaska to be affixed this 17th day of February, 1937.

JOHN W. TROY,  
Governor of Alaska.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

By the Governor:

EDWARD W. GRIFFIN,  
Secretary of Alaska.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

TO THE THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE,  
TERRITORY OF ALASKA.

Honorable M. E. S. Brunelle,  
President of the Senate,

Honorable Joe Green,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,

IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Before welcoming you in Extraordinary Session to consider Social Security Legislation, I congratulate you on the successful termination of your Regular Session. You did intelligent and diligent work for the Territory of Alaska.

I suggest in beginning the Extraordinary Session that you first give consideration to the necessary legislation to permit the Territory to cooperate with the National Social Security Act. It is very important to the people of the Territory and to the country that Alaska cooperate completely in this beneficent work. It is a matter of paramount importance to all the people. I trust that you will get this legislation out of the way before you do anything else, even before you provide additional revenues if they are needed for Social Security Administration. I urge that while the participation in Social Security on the part of the Territory must be adequate, that you closely guard the cost thereof and keep it as low as is compatible with full cooperation. To this end I wish you would consider the suggestion that no minimum amount for old age allowances should be set forth in the law. The law should recite that the allowance should meet the circumstances and needs of each case, and in everything else I think the Board or individual who will have charge of administration should be given wide leeway to meet each case according to its circumstances and needs.

I think the legislation if needed to provide revenues for administration should not be taken up until the Social Security Legislation is completed. While I believe that the Extraordinary Session should limit its activities to the matters set forth in the call for the session, under no circumstances should anything else be considered until after the purposes set forth in the call have been completed and out of the way.

I trust that in this session as in the Regular Session just closed that harmony might prevail and satisfactory results achieved.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. TROY,  
Governor of Alaska.