

nounced policy of the Alaska Native Health Service and the Division of Indian Health of the United States Public Health Service to support local medical facilities by increasing the contractual medical services to be performed in local communities, the federal government's expansion of its own facilities and services in Alaska has created the following situation:

1. Native people in communities which have local hospitals are sometimes transported hundreds of miles from their homes to government hospitals for treatment which could be obtained in their home community.
2. Local community hospitals, although built to serve all the people in their respective area, find that their potential clientele is restricted to only a portion of the local population.
3. This reduction of use of local hospital facilities necessarily results in reduction of service and in some cases in the ultimate closing of the facility to the great detriment of the community; and

WHEREAS, adequate medical and hospital service should be immediately available to all the people in a given community on equal terms, without discrimination on grounds of race, creed

or color;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this First Legislature of the State of Alaska urge the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, through the United States Public Health Service and the Division of Indian Health, the Alaska Hospital Association and the Alaska Medical Association to intensify their efforts in making arrangements whereby beneficiaries of the Alaska Native Health Service, may receive to the fullest extent possible medical and hospital care in their own communities, thereby assuring the survival of necessary local medical facilities and services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be mailed to the Area Director, Alaska Native Health Service; the Secretary, Alaska Medical Association; the Secretary, Alaska Hospital Association; the Director, Division of Indian Health, United States Public Health Service; The Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service; the Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Honorable E. L. Bartlett, United States Senator from Alaska; Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senator from Alaska and Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Congressman from Alaska.

Passed by the Senate February 5, 1959.
Passed by the House February 13, 1959.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Relating to extending greetings to former Acting Governor Waino E. Hendrickson.

Be it Resolved by the First Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Legislature that the Honorable Waino E. Hendrickson has undergone medical treatment at Portland, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, former Acting Governor Hendrickson is a former member of the Alaska Legislature and has recently completed a distinguished record of public service at the last chief executive of the Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, former Acting Governor Hendrickson is well-known and held in high esteem by his fellow Alaskans for his personal attributes and his contribution to the orderly growth of Alaska as it moved towards statehood;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska does hereby extend its heartiest greetings and sincere best wishes to former Acting Governor and Mrs. Hendrickson for his speedy recovery; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to former Acting Governor and Mrs. Hendrickson.

Passed by the Senate February 20, 1959.
Passed by the House February 23, 1959