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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the enactment of legislation by Congress to assist Native-operated enterprises.

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

WHEREAS Congress is now considering companion bills, HB 9324 and SB 2197, which are of extreme importance to the Native communities in Alaska; and

WHEREAS these bills would authorize an appropriation of \$15 million with which the Secretary of the Interior may insure and guarantee loans made to individual Natives or Native organizations, such as those organized under the Wheeler-Howard Act, for the purpose of constructing and improving such Native-operated enterprises as canneries and community stores; and

WHEREAS the enactment of this legislation would enlarge the credit resources available to the Native residents in the state; and

WHEREAS the pressing need to strengthen the economy and welfare of many Native communities in Alaska would be significantly fulfilled by the enactment of this legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is

respectfully urged to enact, as soon as possible, the proposed legislation to guarantee and insure loans made to qualified Natives and Native organizations.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President pro tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.