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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the federal cutback in Alaska's highway construction funds.

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

WHEREAS the growth and development of Alaska depend to a great extent on the immediate expansion of its highway system; and

WHEREAS, because of the immense cost of highway construction, all states must depend upon federal assistance; and

WHEREAS Alaska, as compared with other states, has received only a fragmentary share of federal highway assistance it so rightfully deserves; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the state anticipated that 90 per cent of the \$69 million obligated to highway construction would be forthcoming from federal matching funds; and

WHEREAS the Federal Highway Administration has proposed to slash Alaska's highway funds by approximately \$35 million and the state has been dealt a severe blow; and

WHEREAS this cut in highway funds means that Alaska's highway program will be set back at a time when it was only beginning to recover from the blow received by the 1964 earthquake; and

WHEREAS the federal decision to cut Alaska's highway fund also means that the state will not be permitted to expend the unobligated balance in federal matching money which accumulated in the past as a result of the slowdown following the earthquake and other factors;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska respectfully requests that the Federal Highway Administration withdraw its proposed cutback in Alaska highway construction funds by \$34,261,000.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; The Honorable Alan S. Boyd, Secretary, Department of Transportation; The Honorable Lowell K. Bridwell, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and The Honorable E.L. Bartlett and The Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and The Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.