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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to Native Land Claims Legislation.

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

WHEREAS, although the United States Congress in 1884 reserved the right to make the determination of the extent and nature of the property rights of the Native people of Alaska, the Congress has not yet made such a determination; and

WHEREAS the early settlement of the claims presented by the Alaska Native people is of utmost importance to all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS passage of legislation is now pending in the United States Congress to establish procedures for the settlement of these claims and to authorize grants of lands to Alaskan Native villages to permit them to preserve their homes and way of life; and

WHEREAS The Honorable Henry Jackson, United States Senator from the State of Washington, Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has scheduled hearings in Anchorage Alaska, on February 8, 9, and 10 to permit Alaskans to testify on this important legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska expresses the gratitude of all Alaskans to The Honorable Henry Jackson and the members of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee for affording Alaskans this opportunity to express their views on legislation required to effectuate an early and a just settlement of the Alaska Native claims and we do earnestly urge this committee to take affirmative action to bring about the speedy enactment of this legislation.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United States; The Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; The Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; The Honorable Owen D. Morken, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; to all members of the Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and to 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.

COPIES especially directed to Senator Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Senate and Insular Affairs Committee in Anchorage.