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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Supporting a fair and equitable settlement of the Alaska Native land claims.

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

WHEREAS the Alaska Native remains as he has for more than a century, without title or the security it affords on lands that he and his ancestors have occupied and used for generations; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Native neither deserves nor wishes to continue as a "ward" of the government, in a self-perpetuating "second class citizenship"; and

WHEREAS until the Native land claims issue is settled, the social and economic progress of the Alaska Native -- indeed of all Alaska -- will continue to be seriously impeded and diverted from its rightful pace; and

WHEREAS the United States Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has recently approved and reported to the Senate a bill which would authorize a combination of cash payments, mineral royalties and land selections in settlement of the Native land claims;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature, in recognition of the importance of this issue to every Alaskan citizen, strongly urges and supports a fair and equitable, early settlement of the Alaska Native land claims; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature commends Senator Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, and the members of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee for their diligence in researching the Native lands question and their efforts in bringing the matter before the Senate.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Spiro T. Agnew, Vice President of the United States; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker, U. S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro Tempore, U. S. Senate; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, U. S. Senator and Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, U. S. Representative and Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.