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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Relating to the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children.

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

WHEREAS the President's proposed budget for fiscal 1976 for the United States Department of Agriculture's Food Assistance Programs has completely deleted funds for the supplemental food program popularly known as WIC; and

WHEREAS this program is currently aiding Alaskan citizens in Barrow and Wainwright and is to expand to Nuiqsut in March, and plans are to expand the program to Juneau in 1976; and

WHEREAS the WIC program is the only federal food program directed solely to pregnant women, nursing mothers, and young children, and is tied directly to a comprehensive health program for these nutritionally "high risk" individuals; and

WHEREAS the best investment for the future of Alaska as well as the rest of the United States is the health of our people; and

WHEREAS the communities in Alaska that are participating in the program and those that are expected to participate all firmly support the program and espouse the value of the program to those involved;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it urgently requests the President of the United States and the United States Congress to fund the Supplemental Food Program for Woman, Infants and Children in full.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States; the Honorable Earl Butz, Secretary, Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Herman E. Talmadge, Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry; the Honorable Thomas Foley, Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture; the Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.