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Requesting establishment of a Farmers Home Administration state office in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the Farmers Home Administration state office for Alaska, which provides personnel administration, technical assistance, and policy decisions for the local offices, is located in Portland, Oregon; and

WHEREAS Alaskan farmers seeking farm ownership loans, farm operating loans, and farm emergency loans have no direct access to the Farmers Home Administration officials who make decisions affecting their loans; and

WHEREAS the geographical separation from local operations of the loan specialists, architects, and engineers, who provide technical assistance, causes considerable delays in the processing of many loan applications, and several times each year a technical advisor must travel to Alaska at considerable expense; and

WHEREAS the Rural Rental Loan Program, the Single-Family Loan Program, and the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program have been shown to be very effective in Alaska, but because of problems in funding, loan processing, government staffing, and especially low public exposure, due in part to the lack of an office having authority to make and interpret policy in the state, these programs have been under-utilized;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature, recognizing the needs of Alaskans for more and improved housing and reasonable agricultural financing, respectfully requests the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture to establish a Farmers Home Administration state office in Alaska.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Robert S. Bergland, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture; 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.