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Relating to annexation to the City of Nome.

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

WHEREAS the City of Nome petitioned the commissioner of community and regional affairs for annexation of 235.65 square miles to the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS the commissioner of community and regional affairs recommended to the Local Boundary Commission annexation of 14.5 square miles to the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS the Local Boundary Commission recommended in its report to the Twelfth Legislature the annexation of 17.83 square miles to the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS the Twelfth Legislature, by its adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 16, has disapproved the annexation recommended by the Local Boundary Commission; and

WHEREAS, after opportunity for public comment, it appears that a plan for providing city services to the area which was proposed to be annexed was not available for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS there is evidence in the record that population growth and development are occurring in the area which was proposed to be annexed; and

WHEREAS the population growth and development have created a situation which allegedly endangers the public health and requires that certain city services be provided; and

WHEREAS city services are presently extended outside

existing city boundaries without commensurate tax contributions;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of community and regional affairs to immediately

(1) work with the appropriate departments of state government, the City of Nome, the Sitnasuak Native Corporation, the Bering Straits Native Corporation, and private landowners to develop a mutually acceptable plan for annexation of the area as well as other alternatives to meet the public needs;

(2) work with the City of Nome and residents of the area proposed to be annexed to examine alternatives and the impact of services to be provided to the area, including but not limited to,

(A) staged annexation by which an area would be annexed to match the timing of extension of city services;

(B) annexation, with a city plan for providing services based on differential tax zones for the level of services provided;

(C) any other method of providing city services throughout the area proposed to be annexed;

(3) convene one or more public meetings with interested residents of the area proposed to be annexed to ascertain the nature and degree of services essential to the area, and to review information on costs and benefits of the various alternatives for delivering services to the area;

(4) evaluate, after consultation with the City of Nome, the alternatives for annexation and recommend a plan of implementation; and

(5) transmit a report to the City of Nome and to the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature by January 31, 1982.