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Relating to the operation and staffing of a weather station by the National Weather Service at Unalakleet.

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

WHEREAS the comfort and safety of all Alaskans are increased by the availability of accurate and timely reports and forecasts of weather conditions; and

WHEREAS the climate and topography of this state are such that weather conditions often change dramatically in a short period of time; and

WHEREAS Alaskans rely heavily on air transportation and particularly small aircraft in the more remote areas of the state; and

WHEREAS air travel is particularly susceptible to the impact of changing weather conditions; and

WHEREAS the city of Unalakleet is situated in an area subject to widely varying weather conditions and where the absence of an extensive road network results in an increased reliance on travel by air; and

WHEREAS Unalakleet has been notified by the National Weather Service that it intends to terminate its operation of a staffed station at Unalakleet; and

WHEREAS the operation of an unstaffed weather station at Unalakleet will have a deleterious effect on the availability of accurate and timely weather reports and forecasts for the area;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the National Weather Service to continue its operation of a

weather station at Unalakleet with sufficient personnel to staff the station at least between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. each day.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Mr. Richard Hallgren, Director of the National Weather Service; Mr. Stewart Bigler, Regional Director of the National Weather Service; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.