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Relating to the Alaska Native Allotment Act.

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

WHEREAS Congress passed the Alaska Native Allotment Act in 1906 to provide indigenous Alaska residents the opportunity to receive legal title to ancestral lands, in order to protect the traditional use and occupancy of that land; and

WHEREAS allotment applications were made under the Act on National Forest land when it could be determined that Native Alaskans occupied the land before the withdrawal as National Forest; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 contains a clause which protects pending allotment applications; and

WHEREAS over 300 Native Alaskans have made application for allotment of National Forest land; and

WHEREAS it is the policy of the state to encourage and promote the transfer of public land to private ownership;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports allotment of land traditionally used by Native Alaskans to indigenous Alaska residents; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Secretary of the Interior to resolve equitably and expeditiously the applications for allocation of National Forest land made by Native Alaskans under the Alaska Native Allotment Act.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable

James Watt, Secretary of the Interior; 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.