

# STATE OF ALASKA

## THE LEGISLATURE

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Relating to community action agencies.

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

WHEREAS on August 30, 1964, the United States declared a War on Poverty with the enactment of the Economic Opportunity Act; and

WHEREAS in the ensuing 25 years this legislation has enabled national, regional, and local programs to address the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty in this nation; and

WHEREAS community action agencies, created to offer the nation's poor "a hand up, not a handout," have formed the cornerstones of the War on Poverty; and

WHEREAS in Alaska the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) has made an invaluable contribution to this effort through the development of innovative and cost-effective initiatives to eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS as Alaska endures the current economic crisis it continues to support the national commitment to the War on Poverty that is embodied in the Community Services Block Grant program, which has enabled RurAL CAP to provide workable solutions and services at the grassroots level; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska upholds its own commitment to the less fortunate among us, including members of the Alaska Native community; and

WHEREAS in so doing, the State of Alaska and RurAL CAP have formed a valuable partnership to encourage positive approaches to self-sufficiency in the rural communities;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixteenth Alaska State Legislature strongly supports the continuing work of Rural CAP; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to arrange to have copies of this resolution presented with other demonstrations of national support for community action agencies at the National Association of Community Action Agencies' Rededication Ceremony in Washington, D.C. on September 8, 1989 for delivery to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of U.S. Senate; and the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent 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.