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Urging the Congress to reopen the Native allotments process for the benefit of Native military veterans.

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

**WHEREAS** the filing deadline for Alaska Native allotments fell on December 18, 1971, a date during the United States' involvement in the conflict in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS** many Alaska Natives participated in the military during the Vietnam conflict; and

**WHEREAS** many Alaska Native Vietnam veterans were not notified and were not aware of the Native allotment process during the filing period; and

**WHEREAS** veterans should not be denied benefits that they would have received if they had not been in the military service;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Congress to amend federal law in a manner that would allow otherwise eligible Alaska Native veterans a new 18-month filing period for Native land allotments.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President

of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Alan Cranston, Chair, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, Chair, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable George Miller, Chair, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chair, Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs; Mr. John Schaeffer, Chair, Alaska Federation of Natives; 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.