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Supporting an increase in federal funding for prostate cancer research.

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

WHEREAS, except for skin cancers, prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer in men; and

WHEREAS one out of every five American men will develop prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS the American Cancer Society estimates that, in 1998 in the United States, approximately 209,900 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and that approximately 41,800 prostate cancer related deaths will occur; and

WHEREAS, with an estimated 9,000,000 men currently afflicted, the prevalence of prostate cancer makes it epidemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS African-American men in the United States have the highest incidence of prostate cancer of any population in the world; and

WHEREAS there is a need for equal access to recognized forms of prostate cancer treatment; and

WHEREAS the number of prostate cancer cases diagnosed has increased significantly over the past 35 years, partly as a result of the widespread use of improved screening techniques, including screening for the prostate cancer antigen; and

WHEREAS superior diagnostic and prognostic techniques are needed; and

WHEREAS the American Cancer Society is a founding member of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, a network of prostate cancer patients, advocates, and supporting organizations, which is gathering 1,000,000 signatures to present to President Bill Clinton;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature joins the National Prostate Cancer Coalition and other organizations and individuals in supporting increased federal funding for prostate cancer research; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests President Bill Clinton to support increased funding for prostate cancer research.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; 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.