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JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting both the state and federal governments to release lands to settlement in the vicinity of Cold Bay, Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the development of the State of Alaska depends upon the opening up of new territory and the establishment of centers of trade and commerce; and

WHEREAS it is the function of both the state and federal agencies to dispose of their lands when communities need them to expand and grow; and

WHEREAS Cold Bay, Alaska, has the potential of becoming a thriving community because of its increasing air traffic and other commercial activities; and

WHEREAS if Cold Bay is to continue to grow, prosper and become an important part of Alaska's economic development, more adjacent lands must be settled and developed; and

WHEREAS at the present time the great majority of the lands adjacent to the community of Cold Bay are unavailable for private acquisition because they are withdrawn by both the state and federal governments for reservations and wildlife refuges;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Land Management in cooperation with other interested federal agencies and the State Department of Natural Resources is respectfully requested to take immediate action to make more lands within a two-mile radius of the airfield runway intersection at Cold Bay, Alaska, available for residential use and other types of settlement.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States, the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Charles H. Stoddard, Director, Bureau of Land

Management; and to the Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.