SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to Avalanche Awareness Month.

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

3 WHEREAS Alaskans live, work, and play in and on the edge of the wilderness; and
4 WHEREAS the abundance and variety of the state’s winter recreational opportunities
5 are unmatched in the United States; and
6 WHEREAS many of the state’s popular winter recreation areas are subject to
7 avalanche danger; and
8 WHEREAS some Alaskans are not properly educated or equipped to recognize and
9 respond to avalanches; and
10 WHEREAS a number of Alaskans are killed each year by avalanches; and
11 WHEREAS education on the recognition of avalanche risks, response to avalanches,
12 and the use of appropriate equipment could reduce avalanche-related fatalities;
13 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
14 governor to proclaim the month of November 2000, as Avalanche Awareness Month; and be
15 it
16 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges schools, community
17 groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals to observe Avalanche Awareness
Month with appropriate activities that increase the public’s awareness of avalanche dangers, how to respond to avalanches, and the use of appropriate equipment in avalanche areas. 

_**COPIES**_ of this resolution shall be sent to Aidene Arthur, Backcountry Avalanche Awareness and Response Team; to Doug Fesler and Jill Fredston, co-directors, The Alaska Mountain Safety Center, Inc.; to Bill Glude, Southeast Alaska Avalanche Center; and to Colonel Glenn G. Godfrey, Director, Division of Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Department of Public Safety.