Designating January 24 - 30, 2016, as Alaska School Choice Week.

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

WHEREAS every student in the state should have access to an effective education; and

WHEREAS citizens across the state agree that continuing to improve the quality of education in the state is an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

WHEREAS the state recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children in the state to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS the state has a multitude of high quality traditional public schools, optional public schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools, as well as families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS the state has many high quality, dedicated teaching professionals in all types of educational environments; and

WHEREAS it is important for parents in the state to explore and identify the best educational options available to their children; and

WHEREAS research demonstrates that providing children with multiple educational
options improves academic performance; and

WHEREAS National School Choice Week is a celebration recognized by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and community leaders across the country for the purpose of raising public awareness of the importance of effective educational options for children;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature designates January 24 - 30, 2016, as Alaska School Choice Week and calls this observance to the attention of all citizens of the state.