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**House Bill 337**  
**An Act Establishing 4-H Day – Ver. A**  
**Sponsor Statement**

The first thought that comes to mind for many about 4-H is livestock at the State Fair. Although there are many 4-H youth that have livestock or projects shown at the fair, there are many more programs. Alaska has a robust and impactful 4-H program with chapters in all corners of our state. The programs serve our diverse communities by offering youth driven projects and hands-on activities with focus areas such as food security, STEM, health, civic engagement, agricultural skills, fisheries, applied arts and much more. Although a national program, 4-H works through a series of grass-roots networks, driven by local chapters. These programs help young Alaskans develop positive life skills while reflecting the interests of local families and communities and Alaskan values.

This bill would establish the first Wednesday of the month of October as 4-H Day. This would occur during National 4-H week, which annually takes place during the first week of October. By establishing 4-H Day, we can join in the celebration and take time as a state to recognize the positive impact the 4-H program has had on generations of Alaskans.

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