

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
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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

1 Month with appropriate activities that increase the public's awareness of avalanche dangers,
2 how to respond to avalanches, and the use of appropriate equipment in avalanche areas.

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