

# STATE OF ALASKA

## THE LEGISLATURE

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Relating to establishing March 2008 as Brain Injury Awareness Month.

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

**WHEREAS** traumatic brain injury is a leading cause of death and disability among children and young adults in the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** an estimated 12,000 people in the State of Alaska have suffered a traumatic brain injury; and

**WHEREAS** approximately 800 people in the State of Alaska report traumatic brain injuries each year; and

**WHEREAS** the number of Alaskans with a traumatic brain injury is increasing significantly as military service members injured overseas return home to Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** 20 percent of traumatic brain injuries result in death; and

**WHEREAS** many people who suffer traumatic brain injuries live with permanent disabilities; and

**WHEREAS** most cases of traumatic brain injury are preventable; and

**WHEREAS** the lack of public awareness is so vast that traumatic brain injury is known in the disability community as the nation's "silent epidemic"; and

**WHEREAS** the Brain Injury Association of America has recognized the month of March each year as Brain Injury Awareness Month;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the life-altering effect that traumatic brain injury may have on people living with disabilities resulting from traumatic brain injury and on their families; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the need for enhanced public awareness of the effects of traumatic brain injury; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the designation of March 2008 as Brain Injury Awareness Month and encourages the people of the state to observe Brain Injury Awareness Month with appropriate programs and activities.