

SENATE BILL NO. 77

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the Alaska Day of Prayer."

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

3 * Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

4 (1) the National Day of Prayer is a tradition first proclaimed by President
5 George Washington in 1775 during the First Continental Congress;

6 (2) legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May each year as a National
7 Day of Prayer was unanimously passed by the United States Congress in 1988 and signed by
8 the President; and

9 (3) it is appropriate for the state also to observe an official day of prayer on
10 the first Thursday in May each year.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 44.12.072. Alaska Day of Prayer. The Alaska Day of Prayer is
13 established on the first Thursday in May each year as an opportunity for residents of
14 all faiths to join in united prayer to give thanks for blessings received, to request
15 healing for wounds endured, to ask divine guidance for our leaders, and to bring

1 wholeness to the citizens of our state and our nation.