

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/9/01

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR GREEN

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 2001 as Avalanche Awareness Month; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges schools, community
16 groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals to observe Avalanche

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

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor; to
5 Aedene Arthur, Backcountry Avalanche Awareness and Response Team; to Doug Fesler and
6 Jill Fredston, co-directors, The Alaska Mountain Safety Center, Inc.; to Bill Glude, Southeast
7 Alaska Avalanche Center; to Colonel Randy Crawford, Director, Division of Alaska State
8 Troopers, Alaska Department of Public Safety; to the mayors, chiefs of police, and fire chiefs
9 of the Municipality of Anchorage, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Haines Borough, City and
10 Borough of Juneau, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, City and
11 Borough of Sitka, City of Cordova, City of Fairbanks, City of Haines, City of Palmer, City of
12 Petersburg, City of Seward, City of Skagway, City of Valdez, and City of Wasilla; to the
13 operators of the ski areas at Eaglecrest, Alyeska, Alpenglowl, Hilltop, Cleary Summit, and
14 Cordova Ski Hill; and to legislative communication offices for statewide distribution.