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Proclaiming 2005 as Rotary International Year.

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

**WHEREAS** Rotary International traces its origins to meetings of philanthropic businessmen in Chicago beginning in February 1905; and

**WHEREAS** Rotary International is the oldest organization of its kind in the world; and

**WHEREAS** Rotary International has grown from a group of five men in Chicago to become represented by thousands of clubs and hundreds of thousands of men and women members throughout the world on every continent; and

**WHEREAS** Rotary International is the only organization of its kind with offices in the United Nations; and

**WHEREAS** Rotary International leads the worldwide effort to eradicate polio; and

**WHEREAS** Rotary International's service to youth and children and the promotion of responsible leadership in the world is unsurpassed; and

**WHEREAS** Rotary International has established and manages the Paul Harris Foundation, which has grown to become the largest foundation of its kind dedicated to the

promotion of world peace and international understanding by addressing major health and survival needs; and

**WHEREAS** Rotary International's "Four Avenues of Service," consisting of club, vocational, community, and international service, tangibly, measurably, and meaningfully result in daily improvements to the world in which we live; and

**WHEREAS** Rotary International's "Four-Way Test" provides a template of ethical and responsible behavior for businesses and individuals; and

**WHEREAS** the leadership of members of Rotary International is a model of leadership throughout national, regional, community, and local entities, providing a pool of men and women who ascend to the highest levels of human endeavor; and

**WHEREAS** Rotary International's membership includes men and women of wide diversity, practices tolerance of religion, creed, race, ethnicity, culture, language, and nationality, and is bound together in the mission of creating a safer, healthier, and more peaceful world for humanity; and

**WHEREAS** Rotary International is a nonsectarian, apolitical, diversified, and philanthropic organization with the sole mission of "Service Above Self";

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature proclaims 2005 as Rotary International Year to be recognized through celebratory events, programs, projects, and ceremonies throughout the United States and the world in commemoration of 100 years of service above self by Rotarians everywhere.