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Relating to proclaiming April of 2007 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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

WHEREAS sexual assault is one of the most devastating crimes in society today; and

WHEREAS Alaska has the highest per capita occurrence of sexual assault in the nation; and

WHEREAS sexual assault affects women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS one out of six women has been raped; and

WHEREAS one out of 33 men has been sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS the incidence of rape in Alaska is 2.5 times the national average; and

WHEREAS only one out of every six rapes is ever reported to law enforcement agencies, making rape the most underreported violent crime in America; and

WHEREAS child sexual abuse results in exceptional trauma to the victims and in the loss of childhood innocence; and

WHEREAS these statistics do not include the countless numbers of family members, loved ones, co-workers, and neighbors affected by the devastating crime of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS many residents of Alaska work to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors; dedicated volunteers and professionals respond to emergency calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering support, comfort, and advocacy throughout all stages of the recovery process, including medical examinations and criminal proceedings; and

WHEREAS building awareness that sexual assault is a problem in every Alaska community and that alerting the public to services that can help victims and loved ones of victims of sexual assault is a crucial component to addressing the issue; and

WHEREAS it is our goal to improve Alaska's response to sexual assault and to support and enhance educational efforts to provide information about sexual assault and the services available to victim survivors and their loved ones;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the governor to proclaim the month of April 2007 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges secondary schools, community organizations, and other public and private agencies and individuals to observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month with suitable activities that increase public awareness of the prevalence of sexual assault and how it can be combated in Alaska.