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Supporting the National Crime Victims' Rights Week of 2008.

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

WHEREAS, in 1994, Alaska voters expressed strong support for crime victims' rights by approving art. I, sec. 24, Constitution of the State of Alaska, which identified the rights of crime victims; and

WHEREAS the theme of the 2008 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is Justice for Victims, Justice for All, evoking the ideals that support our system of justice and declaring that justice for all cannot be achieved without justice for victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, whether the crime is a drive-by shooting, a campus massacre, an act of terrorism, or a crippling identity theft, all Alaskans are vulnerable to crime, and, in this sense, victims' rights are all Alaskans' rights; and

WHEREAS securing justice for victims, who are too often denied basic rights and services, secures justice for all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS serving victims of crime and ensuring justice for all makes Alaska homes, neighborhoods, and communities safer and stronger; and

WHEREAS the legislature recognizes the need to ensure that services are available to

all victims of crime, including victims with disabilities, victims who are mentally ill, victims who are teenagers, victims who are elderly, and victims in rural areas of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the 2008 National Crime Victims' Rights Week to be observed April 13 - 19 to express the legislature's commitment to victims' rights.