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Denouncing the National Entertainment Collectibles Association's production of the Rapist No. 1 collectible doll.

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

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

WHEREAS, in 27 of the last 27 years, Alaska has ranked among the top five states in the nation for rape and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS the incidence of rape in Alaska is 25 times the national average; and

WHEREAS every two and a half minutes someone is sexually assaulted in the United States; and

WHEREAS one out of six women and one out of 33 men in the United States have been sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, in the years 2004 and 2005, an annual average of 200,780 people were the victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault nationwide; and

WHEREAS, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, more than half of all rapes go unreported; and

WHEREAS April 2007 is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the National Entertainment Collectibles Association is producing a collectible doll modeled on a character called "Rapist No. 1" from the recent film "Grindhouse";

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature emphatically deplores the manufacture and sale of the Rapist No. 1 collectible doll; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature denounces the National Entertainment Collectibles Association's casual disregard for the most personal of violations; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges all Alaska businesses and consumers to boycott the sale and purchase of these collectible dolls; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges all Alaskans to recognize both the severe consequences of rape and the glorification of the crime of rape that this doll represents.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Carlos Gutierrez, United States Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Sean Parnell, Lieutenant Governor of Alaska; Joel Weinshanker, Chief Executive Officer, National Entertainment Collectibles Association; Jeffrey P. Bezos, Chief Executive Officer, Amazon.com; H. Lee Scott, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, WalMart; Gerald L. Storch, Chief Executive Officer, Toys "R" Us, Inc.; Daniel Grossman, Chair, Toy Industry Association, Inc.; Tracy Mullin, Chief Executive Officer, National Retail Federation; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.