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Relating to establishing March 2007 as brain injury awareness month.

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

WHEREAS traumatic brain injury is a leading cause of death and disability among children and young adults in the state; and

WHEREAS approximately 800 people in the state report a traumatic brain injury each year; and

WHEREAS 20 percent of traumatic brain injuries result in death; and

WHEREAS an estimated 12,000 people in the state have suffered a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS many people who suffer a traumatic brain injury live with permanent disabilities; and

WHEREAS most cases of traumatic brain injury are preventable; and

WHEREAS the lack of public awareness is so vast that traumatic brain injury is known in the disability community as the nation's "silent epidemic"; and

WHEREAS the Brain Injury Association of America has recognized the month of March each year as Brain Injury Awareness Month;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature

(1) recognizes the life-altering effect that traumatic brain injury may have on people living with the resultant disabilities from traumatic brain injury and on their families;

(2) recognizes the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury;

(3) supports the designation of March 2007 as Brain Injury Awareness Month;
and

(4) encourages the people of the state to observe Brain Injury Awareness Month with appropriate programs and activities.