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Relating to public health and a health compact.

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

WHEREAS good health is a common goal for all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS Alaska continues to lead the nation in negative health indicators, including tobacco use and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS obesity and lack of physical activity can lead to long-term illnesses, such as heart disease, diabetes, and other diseases that require costly and ongoing health care; and

WHEREAS health experts point to personal lifestyle choices as the major indicator of a person's health;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature invites all state departments, all local governments, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and every man, woman, and child of the state to join the Alaska Health Compact; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Health Compact is an individual and voluntary commitment by each Alaskan to take pride in the healthy choices made to promote personal health and well-being; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that each Alaskan is encouraged to share, person-to-person

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or through various media, personal health successes and experiences; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that individual legislators, as voluntary members of this compact, support choices made to promote personal health and well-being.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Emil Notti, Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; the Honorable Joe Schmidt, Commissioner, Department of Corrections; the Honorable Roger Sampson, Commissioner, Department of Education and Early Development; the Honorable Karleen Jackson, Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services; the Honorable Walt Monegan, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety; the Honorable Mark R. Hamilton, President, University of Alaska; and Richard I. Mauer, Chair, State Board of Education and Early Development.