



# Alaska State Legislature

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## Representative Anna Fairclough – House District 17

### **House Concurrent Resolution 20**

Proclaiming the month of April 2010 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month

House Concurrent Resolution 20 intends to encourage all Alaskans to speak out against sexual assault and let others know that it will not be tolerated.

In addition to trying to spread the message and reach out to Alaskans who've suffered to speak up and discourage the continuance of this crime, we also want to recognize the efforts of groups and people around the state who have committed their time, effort and lives to making sure victims have someone to talk to, a place to go and other services and avenues to help.

Currently, estimates from nonprofit groups and the government show that Alaska has 2.6 times the national average of reported sexual assault cases, the highest per capita occurrence in the entire nation.

I urge your support on this important piece of Legislation.