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## **SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR SCR 7**

*“Proclaiming September 9, 2011, as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day.”*

SCR 7 would proclaim September 9, 2011 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day (FASD).

Alaska has the highest known incidence of FASD in the United States. This is a condition caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol, which can result in permanent brain damage, birth defects, learning disabilities, behavioral problems and most tragically, the loss of individual potential.

While FASD affects all racial and socioeconomic groups, it is a 100% preventable condition. FASD Awareness Day is observed internationally on September 9<sup>th</sup>. This serves as a reminder on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol.

SCR 7 would observe FASD Awareness Day by promoting the awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol.