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March 30, 2011

Senator Kevin Meyer Alaska State Legislature Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Meyer,

The Alaska FASD Partnership wishes to offer its support for SCR 7, Proclaiming September 9, 2011 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Day.

The Alaska FASD Partnership is a coalition of over 75 organizations and individuals committed to addressing issues related to FASD in Alaska.

Every year on September 9th, International FASD Awareness Day is observed. Proclamations are issued in countries, states, provinces, and towns all around the world. Bells are rung at 9:09 a.m. in every time zone from New Zealand to Alaska. People all around the world gather for events to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking alcohol during pregnancy and the plight of individuals and families who struggle with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. The first FASD Awareness Day was celebrated on 9/9/99. This day was chosen so that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol.

Thank you for introducing SCR 7 and supporting issues related to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

Sincerely,

Monica Charles Leinberger, Chair

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Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee

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Partnership Members

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC) (Anchorage)

Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (statewide)

Alaska Behavioral Health Association (statewide)

Alaska Center for Children & Adults (Fairbanks)

Alaska Children's Services (Anchorage)

Alaska Mental Health Board (statewide)

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (statewide)

All-Alaska Pediatric Partnership (Anchorage)

Anchorage Coordinated Resources Project (Mental Health Court) (Anchorage)

Anchorage School District (Anchorage)

Arctic FASD Regional Training Center (Anchorage/statewide)

Assets Inc. (Anchorage)

Association for the Education of Young Children-SEAK (Southeast Alaska)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska (statewide)

Boys & Girls Home of Alaska (Fairbanks)

Camp Fire USA Alaska Council (statewide)

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Copper Basin Neurodevelopmental Center (Anchorage)

Deltana Community Services Partnership (Delta Junction)

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Fairbanks Community Behavioral Health Center (Fairbanks)

Family Centered Services of Alaska (Fairbanks)

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Juneau FASD Diagnostic Clinic (Juneau)

Juneau Partnership for Families and Children (Juneau)

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Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC) (statewide)

Southern Kenai Peninsula (SKP) Communities Project (Kenai Peninsula)

Stone Soup Group (Anchorage, statewide)

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UAA Department of Health Sciences (Anchorage/statewide)

UAA Center for Human Development (Anchorage/statewide)

...and many individuals