

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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Referred: Health and Social Services

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to health and social service best practice models and identifying citizen**
2 **networks to achieve solutions to health and social problems in the state.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the rate of alcohol-related death in the state is 185 percent higher than the
5 average rate for alcohol-related death in the United States; and

6 **WHEREAS** the rate of suicide in the state is 71 percent higher than the average rate
7 of suicide in the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS** the rate of forcible rape in the state is 260 percent higher than the average
9 rate of forcible rape in the United States; and

10 **WHEREAS** 75 percent of Alaskans report experiencing or knowing someone who has
11 experienced domestic violence or sexual assault; and

12 **WHEREAS** 47.6 percent of women in the state report experiencing intimate partner
13 violence; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in the most recent study completed in 2010, an estimated 18,296 arrests
15 were attributed to alcohol and drug abuse, and the economic cost attributed to crime-related
16 alcohol and other drug abuse in the state was nearly \$217,700,000; and

1 **WHEREAS**, according to the McDowell Group report titled "Economic Costs of
2 Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Alaska, 2012 Update," the total cost to the state's economy in
3 2010 for drug and alcohol dependence was \$1,200,000,000 and is growing at a rate of
4 \$66,000,000 a year;

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the identification
6 and development of citizen networks involving natural helpers who are actively involved and
7 influential in the community in which they reside; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages citizen
9 networks to participate in the creation of positive community and social norms related to the
10 prevention of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders in the state; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the
12 development of regional best practice models that address the state's critical health and social
13 challenges, derived in collaboration with identified citizen networks representing
14 communities across the state; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the governor
16 to support the development and use of regional best practice models in an effort to establish
17 more effective and cost-efficient methods of addressing the state's critical health and social
18 challenges.