HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GATTIS

Introduced: 1/26/15 Referred:

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating January 25 - 31, 2015, as Alaska School Choice Week. 2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA: 3 **WHEREAS** every student in the state should have access to an effective education; 4 and 5 **WHEREAS** citizens across the state agree that continuing to improve the quality of 6 education in the state is an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and 7 **WHEREAS** the state recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable 8 system of education plays in preparing all children in the state to be successful adults; and 9 **WHEREAS** the state has a multitude of high quality traditional public schools, public 10 charter schools, and nonpublic schools, as well as families who educate their children in the 11 home: and 12 WHEREAS the state has many high quality, dedicated teaching professionals in all 13 types of educational environments; and 14 WHEREAS it is important for parents in the state to explore and identify the best 15 educational options available to their children; and 16 WHEREAS research demonstrates that providing children with multiple educational

1 options improves academic performance; and

WHEREAS National School Choice Week is a celebration recognized by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and community leaders across the country for the purpose of raising public awareness of the importance of effective educational options for children;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature designates January 25 - 31,
2015, as Alaska School Choice Week and calls this observance to the attention of all citizens
of the state.