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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

Relating to Venereal Disease Awareness Month.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS a program to educate the general public concerning the danger and prevalence of the various venereal diseases is being conducted during 1973 by the Department of Health and Social Services, the Alaska Pharmaceutical Association, the Capital Jaycees of Juneau, the Alaska Medical Association, the Alaska Area Native Health Service, and many school districts, local groups, and individuals throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, to control and eradicate venereal disease, it is necessary that the public be aware of and support programs designed to combat the rapid spread of venereal disease; and

WHEREAS over half of all the reported cases of venereal diseases in Alaska occur in young persons under 25 years of age and gonorrhea alone affects as many as 25 per cent of all 20 to 25 year old Alaskans, meaning Alaska has the highest gonorrhea rate in the United States, three times the national average; and

WHEREAS the tragedy of venereal diseases is that persons may not discover the disease until it has produced severe damage, including insanity, paralysis and sterility; and

WHEREAS venereal diseases can be controlled through knowledge of the diseases and proper prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS venereal disease information and education are neglected in our society, and distorted attitudes and beliefs about venereal disease contribute to the spread of these diseases in a society that has the technology for treatment and care;