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**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

Establishing May 1 as Family Day and the month of May as Preservation of the Family Month; and relating to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in the family.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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2 Month; and relating to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in the family.

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4 \* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature makes the following findings:

5 (1) the term "Mayday" is a call for help, alerting others to distress and danger;

6 (2) the institution of the family has been in great danger of a gradual  
7 disintegration for a long time, and people need to pay immediate attention to preserving the  
8 family;

9 (3) in the month of May, people celebrate Mother's Day, which should remind  
10 people of the famous quotation, "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the  
11 world";

12 (4) everyone agrees that the parental role is important in a society and that a  
13 loving and caring family creates the best environment for the healthy growth of children;

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1                   (5) May 1 follows a month, April, that is dedicated to the prevention of child  
2 abuse;

3                   (6) May also represents spring, the growth of flowers, and the rejuvenation of  
4 plants, life, and activity in nature.

5       \* **Sec. 2.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6                   Sec. 44.12.075. FAMILY DAY AND FAMILY PRESERVATION MONTH.

7                   Family Day is established on May 1 of each year to celebrate the institution of the  
8 family. The month of May each year is established as Preservation of the Family  
9 Month to encourage the preservation of the institution of the family. Family Day and  
10 Preservation of the Family Month may be observed by suitable observances by  
11 families, such as a family discussion of the role of families, the rights and  
12 responsibilities of children and parents, and appropriate methods for the resolution of  
13 violent feelings in family conflict, and by exercises by civic groups and the public.  
14 In observance of Family Preservation Month, the Department of Health and Social  
15 Services shall encourage the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Alaska families.