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Relating to supporting home schooling and establishing Alaska Home Education Week.

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

WHEREAS home schooling is the fastest growing educational alternative in America;
and

WHEREAS home schooling families contribute significantly to the cultural diversity
important to a healthy society; and

WHEREAS Alaska has a significant number of parents who teach their own children at
home; and

WHEREAS the state has always been a place where diversity and individualism have
been championed; and

WHEREAS parents who provide education for their children at home exemplify the
independent Alaska spirit; and

WHEREAS home schooling families tend to be strong, healthy families who contribute
greatly to Alaska society; and

WHEREAS the cost of educating children at home is borne by the parents, thus saving
money from the state general fund; and

WHEREAS home school students are proving themselves by excelling in college and in

the state work force; and

WHEREAS the state's home school students are increasingly being recruited by colleges around the country because of their academic achievements;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature approves of home schooling as an important part of Alaska's educational infrastructure meriting state sanction and state protection; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the right of parents to choose home schooling as the education alternative best suited for their children; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education, school districts, and regional educational attendance areas are encouraged to cooperate with parents who are teaching their children at home; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of education to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the Department of Education, school districts, and regional educational attendance areas do not unnecessarily interfere with parents exercising their right to home school their children; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature establishes the week of October 13 - 19, 1996, as Alaska Home Education Week.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the commissioner of education, the chief administrative officer of each school district and regional educational attendance area in the state, and the president of the Alaska Private and Home Educators Association.