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Relating to Avalanche Awareness Month.

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

WHEREAS Alaskans live, work, and play in and on the edge of the wilderness; and

WHEREAS the abundance and variety of the state's winter recreational opportunities are unmatched in the United States; and

WHEREAS many of the state's popular winter recreation areas are subject to avalanche danger; and

WHEREAS some Alaskans are not properly educated or equipped to recognize and respond to avalanches; and

WHEREAS a number of Alaskans are killed each year by avalanches; and

WHEREAS education on the recognition of avalanche risks, response to avalanches, and the use of appropriate equipment could reduce avalanche-related fatalities;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the governor to proclaim the month of November 2000, as Avalanche Awareness Month; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges schools, community groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals to observe Avalanche Awareness

Month with appropriate activities that increase the public's awareness of avalanche dangers, how to respond to avalanches, and the use of appropriate equipment in avalanche areas.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Aidene Arthur, Backcountry Avalanche Awareness and Response Team; to Doug Fesler and Jill Fredston, co-directors, The Alaska Mountain Safety Center, Inc.; to Bill Glude, Southeast Alaska Avalanche Center; and to Colonel Glenn G. Godfrey, Director, Division of Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Department of Public Safety.