HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE DYSON

Introduced: 2/9/01
Referred: State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 **Declaring February 2001 to be African-American Citizen Recognition Month.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the Declaration of Independence states that all men are created equal,
4 that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights, and that these rights include the right to
5 life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and
6 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature would like to recognize and show
7 appreciation to the state's citizens of African-American descent; and
8 **WHEREAS** there are approximately 27,617 persons of African-American descent in
9 the state; and
10 **WHEREAS** Alaska citizens of African-American descent have made important
11 contributions to the state by participating in the building of the Alaska-Canadian Highway,
12 the Alaska Railroad, and the Trans Alaska Pipeline System, and by serving in the government
13 of the state; and
14 **WHEREAS** Alaska citizens of African-American descent have served with
15 distinction in the Alaska National Guard and in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air
16 Force, Coast Guard, and Revenue Marine Service, and Alaska citizens of African-American

descent continue to participate in the military defense of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the governor to declare February 2001, to be African-American Citizen Recognition Month; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests and encourages all public and private agencies and citizens of the state to observe African-American Citizen Recognition Month with appropriate activities and to continue to promote unity among all the races that have made Alaska the great state that it is.