

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/28/01

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE DYSON

A RESOLUTION

1 **Declaring February 2001 and February 2002 to be African-American Citizen**
2 **Recognition Months.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the Declaration of Independence states that all men are created equal,
5 that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights, and that these rights include the right to
6 life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

7 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature would like to recognize and show
8 appreciation to the state's citizens of African-American descent; and

9 **WHEREAS** there are approximately 27,617 persons of African-American descent in
10 the state; and

11 **WHEREAS** Alaska citizens of African-American descent have made important
12 contributions to the state by participating in the building of the Alaska-Canadian Highway,
13 the Alaska Railroad, and the Trans Alaska Pipeline System, and by serving in the government
14 of the state; and

15 **WHEREAS** Alaska citizens of African-American descent have served with
16 distinction in the Alaska National Guard and in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air

1 Force, Coast Guard, and Revenue Marine Service, and Alaska citizens of African-American
2 descent continue to participate in the military defense of the state;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
4 governor to declare February 2001 and February 2002, to be African-American Citizen
5 Recognition Months; and be it

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