

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26**  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATOR GREEN**

**Introduced: 2/19/02**  
**Referred: State Affairs**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to Avalanche Awareness Month.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the  
14 governor to proclaim the month of November 2002 as Avalanche Awareness Month; and be it

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

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

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor; to  
5 Aedene Arthur, Backcountry Avalanche Awareness and Response Team; to Doug Fesler and  
6 Jill Fredston, co-directors, The Alaska Mountain Safety Center, Inc.; to Bill Glude, Southeast  
7 Alaska Avalanche Center; to Colonel Randy Crawford, Director, Division of Alaska State  
8 Troopers, Alaska Department of Public Safety.