

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR GREEN

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Referred: Resources

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 2001 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 Aidene Arthur, Backcountry Avalanche
5 Awareness and Response Team; to Doug Fesler and Jill Fredston, co-directors, The Alaska
6 Mountain Safety Center, Inc.; to Bill Glude, Southeast Alaska Avalanche Center; and to
7 Major Randy Crawford, Director, Division of Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Department of
8 Public Safety.