

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14**  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**Referred: House Special Committee on Education, Health, Education and Social Services**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to urging school districts to implement an Alaska history curriculum.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** an education rich in history is vital to an effective public school system;  
4 and

5 **WHEREAS** many other states require the teaching of state history; and

6 **WHEREAS** a sound understanding of Alaska history is vital to understanding the  
7 changing social and demographic face of the state; and

8 **WHEREAS** a knowledge of history provides a context for understanding the diversity  
9 and richness of the state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in order to avoid mistakes of the past and to plan for the future, it is  
11 important to have a broad knowledge of history; and

12 **WHEREAS**, to work effectively on many of the problems in the state, including the  
13 state's fiscal challenges and differences between urban and rural areas, knowledge of the  
14 state's history is required; and

15 **WHEREAS** there are many instructional resources available that could be used to  
16 teach courses on Alaska history;

1           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of Education  
2 and Early Development is encouraged to continue the fourth grade Alaska history curriculum;  
3 and be it

4           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that each school district in the state is encouraged to  
5 include a review of Alaska history as a part of the high school curriculum.

6           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Frank Murkowski, Governor  
7 of Alaska, and to the chair of the governing body of each school district in the state.