

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/3/06

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to establishing March 2006 as brain injury awareness month.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** traumatic brain injury is a leading cause of death and disability among
4 children and young adults in the state; and

5 **WHEREAS** approximately 700 people in the state report a traumatic brain injury each
6 year; and

7 **WHEREAS** 20 percent of traumatic brain injuries result in death; and

8 **WHEREAS** an estimated 12,000 people in the state have suffered a traumatic brain
9 injury; and

10 **WHEREAS** many people who suffer a traumatic brain injury live with permanent
11 disabilities; and

12 **WHEREAS** most cases of traumatic brain injury are preventable; and

13 **WHEREAS** the lack of public awareness is so vast that traumatic brain injury is
14 known in the disability community as the nation's "silent epidemic"; and

15 **WHEREAS** the Brain Injury Association of America has recognized the month of
16 March each year as Brain Injury Awareness Month;

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature

2 (1) recognizes the life-altering effect that traumatic brain injury may have on
3 people living with the resultant disabilities from traumatic brain injury and on their families;

4 (2) recognizes the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain
5 injury;

6 (3) supports the designation of March 2006 as Brain Injury Awareness Month;
7 and

8 (4) encourages the people of the state to observe Brain Injury Awareness
9 Month with appropriate programs and activities.