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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES STOLTZE, Samuels, Meyer, Dahlstrom, Roses, Harris, Edgmon, Hawker, Johnson, Lynn, Wilson, Johansen, Fairclough, Kerttula, Ramras, Doogan**SENATORS Elton, Wielechowski, McGuire, Wilken, Olson, Thomas, Dyson, Davis, French, Wagoner, Bunde, Ellis, Stedman****Introduced: 3/27/07****Referred: Judiciary****A RESOLUTION****1 Supporting the 2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.****2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** in Alaska there are currently thousands of crime victims and survivors
 4 whose physical, financial, emotional, and spiritual needs are entitled to the attention and
 5 support of the individuals and communities across Alaska; and

6 **WHEREAS** the collaborative efforts of criminal justice professionals, juvenile justice
 7 professionals, crime victim service providers, public policy makers, volunteers, and the state's
 8 Office of Victims' Rights have helped to increase public safety and the awareness of the
 9 existence and needs of crime victims and survivors in communities throughout Alaska; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 1994, Alaskan voters expressed their strong support for crime victims'
 11 rights by approving art. 1, sec. 24 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, which identified
 12 the rights of crime victims; and

13 **WHEREAS** the theme of the 2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is Victims'
 14 Rights: Every Victim, Every Time, and this theme recognizes that all victims and survivors of
 15 crime have rights and deserve access to victims' and survivors' services; and

16 **WHEREAS** the theme of the 2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week also

1 recognizes the ongoing efforts of countless providers of victims' and survivors' services,
2 criminal justice professionals, and volunteers who selflessly dedicate their lives to helping
3 victims and survivors of crime to exercise their rights and receive important services; and

4 **WHEREAS** the 2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be observed April 22
5 through April 28, and will be dedicated to recognizing the rights of crime victims and
6 survivors and their need for services;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the 2007 National
8 Crime Victims' Rights Week to be observed April 22 through April 28 to increase public
9 awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of crime victims and survivors in Alaska.