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**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES STOLTZE, Samuels, Fairclough, Neuman, Johnson, Wilson, Ramras, Dahlstrom, Lynn, Gruenberg, Holmes, Keller, Buch, Kerttula, Roses**

**Introduced: 2/6/08**  
**Referred: Judiciary**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Supporting the National Crime Victims' Rights Week of 2008.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1994, Alaska voters expressed strong support for crime victims' rights  
4 by approving art. I, sec. 24, Constitution of the State of Alaska, which identified the rights of  
5 crime victims; and

6 **WHEREAS** the theme of the 2008 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is Justice  
7 for Victims, Justice for All, evoking the ideals that support our system of justice and declaring  
8 that justice for all cannot be achieved without justice for victims of crime; and

9 **WHEREAS**, whether the crime is a drive-by shooting, a campus massacre, an act of  
10 terrorism, or a crippling identity theft, all Alaskans are vulnerable to crime, and, in this sense,  
11 victims' rights are all Alaskans' rights; and

12 **WHEREAS** securing justice for victims, who are too often denied basic rights and  
13 services, secures justice for all Alaskans; and

14 **WHEREAS** serving victims of crime and ensuring justice for all makes Alaska  
15 homes, neighborhoods, and communities safer and stronger; and

16 **WHEREAS** the legislature recognizes the need to ensure that services are available to

1 all victims of crime, including victims with disabilities, victims who are mentally ill, victims  
2 who are teenagers, victims who are elderly, and victims in rural areas of the state;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the 2008 National  
4 Crime Victims' Rights Week to be observed April 13 - 19 to express the legislature's  
5 commitment to victims' rights.