

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/20/07

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to public health and a health compact.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** good health is a common goal for all Alaskans; and

4 **WHEREAS** Alaska continues to lead the nation in negative health indicators,
5 including tobacco use and alcohol abuse; and

6 **WHEREAS** obesity and lack of physical activity can lead to long-term illnesses, such
7 as heart disease, diabetes, and other diseases that require costly and ongoing health care; and

8 **WHEREAS** health experts point to personal lifestyle choices as the major indicator of
9 a person's health;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature invites all state departments, all
11 local governments, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and every man, woman, and
12 child of the state to join the Alaska Health Compact; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska Health Compact is an individual and
14 voluntary commitment by each Alaskan to take pride in the healthy choices made to promote
15 personal health and well-being; and be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that each Alaskan is encouraged to share, person-to-person

1 or through various media, personal health successes and experiences; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that individual legislators, as voluntary members of this
3 compact, support choices made to promote personal health and well-being.

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Emil Notti, Commissioner,
5 Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; the Honorable Joe
6 Schmidt, Commissioner, Department of Corrections; the Honorable Roger Sampson,
7 Commissioner, Department of Education and Early Development; the Honorable Karleen
8 Jackson, Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services; the Honorable Walt
9 Monegan, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety; the Honorable Mark R. Hamilton,
10 President, University of Alaska; and Richard I. Mauer, Chair, State Board of Education and
11 Early Development.