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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATORS MCGUIRE, Ellis**REPRESENTATIVES Lynn, Johnson, Kerttula, Doogan, Wilson, Samuels****Introduced: 1/23/08****Referred: Health, Education and Social Services****A RESOLUTION**1 **Relating to establishing March 2008 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 of Alaska; and5 **WHEREAS** an estimated 12,000 people in the State of Alaska have suffered a
6 traumatic brain injury; and7 **WHEREAS** approximately 800 people in the State of Alaska report traumatic brain
8 injuries each year; and9 **WHEREAS** the number of Alaskans with a traumatic brain injury is increasing
10 significantly as military service members injured overseas return home to Alaska; and11 **WHEREAS** 20 percent of traumatic brain injuries result in death; and12 **WHEREAS** many people who suffer traumatic brain injuries live with permanent
13 disabilities; and14 **WHEREAS** most cases of traumatic brain injury are preventable; and15 **WHEREAS** the lack of public awareness is so vast that traumatic brain injury is
16 known in the disability community as the nation's "silent epidemic"; and

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

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the life-altering
4 effect that traumatic brain injury may have on people living with disabilities resulting from
5 traumatic brain injury and on their families; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the need for
7 enhanced public awareness of the effects of traumatic brain injury; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the designation
9 of March 2008 as Brain Injury Awareness Month and encourages the people of the state to
10 observe Brain Injury Awareness Month with appropriate programs and activities.