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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**Referred: Health and Social Services**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proclaiming September 9, 2011, as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are a leading cause of preventable and  
4 permanent birth defects and mental retardation in the United States; and

5 **WHEREAS** the birth defects associated with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders include  
6 brain damage, facial deformities, and deficits in growth, learning, memory, and internal organ  
7 development; and

8 **WHEREAS** fetal alcohol spectrum disorders result from ingestion of alcohol by a  
9 woman during pregnancy; and

10 **WHEREAS** Alaska has the highest known incidence of fetal alcohol spectrum  
11 disorders in the United States; and

12 **WHEREAS** fetal alcohol spectrum disorders affect all racial and socioeconomic  
13 groups; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the personal emotional costs, fetal alcohol spectrum  
15 disorders cost taxpayers millions of dollars over an affected individual's lifetime;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature proclaims September 9, 2011,

1 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the people of the state observe Fetal Alcohol Spectrum  
3 Disorders Awareness Day with appropriate efforts to promote awareness of the effects of  
4 prenatal exposure to alcohol and of the fact that there is no known safe level of alcohol  
5 consumption during pregnancy, to increase identification of children with fetal alcohol  
6 spectrum disorders, and to improve the lives of those affected by fetal alcohol spectrum  
7 disorders.