

**HOUSE BILL NO. 35**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES MILLETT, Hughes, Gara, Gattis, Lynn, Keller, LeDoux, Gruenberg, Josephson, Thompson, Talerico, Chenault, Herron, Muñoz, Johnson, Colver, Foster, Wool, Stutes, Tarr, Ortiz, Saddler, Tuck, Olson, Tilton, Pruitt**

**Introduced: 1/21/15**

**Referred: State Affairs**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing March 27 as Great Alaska Earthquake Remembrance Day."**

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

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 44.12.087. Great Alaska Earthquake Remembrance Day.** Great Alaska  
5 Earthquake Remembrance Day is established on March 27 of each year to honor those  
6 who died throughout the state in earthquakes, tsunamis, and landslides after the most  
7 powerful recorded earthquake in North America, and also to honor those who died  
8 attempting to save others. The devastating consequences and efforts of recovery after  
9 the 1964 earthquake provided many lessons that should not be forgotten and should be  
10 used to develop a safer human environment in the state and to increase public  
11 awareness, which is the most cost-effective and critical aspect of preparation for the  
12 next earthquake. The governor shall issue a proclamation to commemorate Great  
13 Alaska Earthquake Remembrance Day and shall direct that the Alaska flag be flown at  
14 half-mast on that day. The day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises

1 by civic groups and the public.