

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 **Designating April 24, 2015, as Stand Against Racism Day and honoring YWCA Alaska**
2 **for encouraging organizations to stand against racism.**

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

4 **WHEREAS**, in the past, economic and environmental opportunities have created a
5 population influx that has allowed this state to grow into one of the most culturally diverse
6 states in the nation; and

7 **WHEREAS** the state has 19 of the 20 most ethnically diverse public elementary
8 schools in the United States; and

9 **WHEREAS** the state has six of the 10 most ethnically diverse public middle schools
10 in the United States; and

11 **WHEREAS** the state has three of the five most ethnically diverse public high schools
12 in the United States; and

13 **WHEREAS** differences in ethnicity, tradition, and belief have often come to serve as
14 a justification for prejudice and disparity of treatment; and

15 **WHEREAS** Stand Against Racism is a movement of YWCA Alaska that encourages
16 community organizations to choose a day to unite and pledge against racism, and YWCA

1 Alaska has come forward to urge Alaskans to stand against racism;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates April 24, 2015, as
3 Stand Against Racism Day to bring awareness to the fact that racism still exists in our state
4 and cannot be ignored or tolerated any longer; the legislature encourages the people of the
5 state to observe the day by participating in educational and celebratory events, projects, and
6 activities in which participants pledge to take a stand against racism continually in their daily
7 lives; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature honors YWCA Alaska for
9 its leadership in encouraging Alaskans to stand against racism.