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BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND
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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to a division of alcoholism
6 and drug abuse in the Department of
7 Health and Welfare.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the importance and the extent of the problem of alcoholism and
10 the growing importance of the problem of drug abuse in Alaska is being
11 widely recognized; and

12 WHEREAS substantial progress has been made by the Department of Health
13 and Welfare, Office of Alcoholism, in pointing toward the goals of informa-
14 tion, education, treatment and rehabilitation which must be made for the
15 alleviation of this illness; and

16 WHEREAS there is an immediate necessity for implementing these goals
17 prepared in conjunction with the Advisory Board on Alcoholism; and

18 WHEREAS professional persons in a wide range of fields, who could take
19 advantage of opportunities of training to be more effective in dealing with
20 alcoholism, are already in Alaska; and

21 WHEREAS Alaskan communities are in need of state assistance to develop,
22 with local resources, the needed programs of information, education, treat-
23 ment and research; and

24 WHEREAS the need to coordinate the many present resources of local,
25 state and federal agencies is so extensive and will continue to increase; and

26 WHEREAS the development and implementation of a comprehensive program
27 dealing with the information, education, treatment and research related to
28 drug abuse as it affects the state is an ever increasing concern;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and the Department of Health and

1 Welfare are requested to create a division of alcoholism and drug abuse
2 within the Department of Health and Welfare to combine the efforts made in
3 alcoholism and drug abuse for the comprehensive solutions to these problems
4 as they affect the state.

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