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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to Venereal Disease Aware-
6 ness Month.

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

8 WHEREAS a program to educate the general public concerning the danger
9 and prevalence of the various venereal diseases is being conducted during
10 1973 by the Department of Health and Social Services, the Alaska Pharma-
11 ceutical Association, the Capital Jaycees of Juneau, the Alaska Medical
12 Association, the Alaska Area Native Health Service, and many school districts,
13 local groups, and individuals throughout the state; and

14 WHEREAS, to control and eradicate venereal disease, it is necessary that
15 the public be aware of and support programs designed to combat the rapid
16 spread of venereal disease; and

17 WHEREAS over half of all the reported cases of venereal diseases in
18 Alaska occur in young persons under 25 years of age and gonorrhea alone
19 affects as many as 25 per cent of all 20 to 25 year old Alaskans, meaning
20 Alaska has the highest gonorrhea rate in the United States, three times the
21 national average; and

22 WHEREAS the tragedy of venereal diseases is that persons may not dis-
23 cover the disease until it has produced severe damage, including insanity,
24 paralysis and sterility; and

25 WHEREAS venereal diseases can be controlled through knowledge of the
26 diseases and proper prevention and treatment; and

27 WHEREAS venereal disease information and education are neglected in
28 our society, and distorted attitudes and beliefs about venereal disease
29 contribute to the spread of these diseases in a society that has the

1 technology for treatment and care;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Governor is respectfully
3 requested to proclaim April 1973 "Venereal Disease Awareness Month".

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