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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the assignment of policewomen
6 to reported incidents of rape.

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

8 WHEREAS many rape victims do not report the incident to law enforcement
9 authorities because they fear the embarrassment of undergoing interrogation
10 by male officers; and

11 WHEREAS, even in law enforcement agencies where policewomen are currently
12 employed, they are usually not assigned to positions which enable them to
13 respond to reported rapes; and

14 WHEREAS in other areas of the country the experience has been that rape
15 victims believe female peace officers are or would be more sensitive to their
16 physical and emotional needs; and

17 WHEREAS special efforts should be made to assign policewomen to night
18 duty during which time most rapes occur;

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that all state and local
20 law enforcement agencies are encouraged to undertake an affirmative recruit-
21 ment and assignment program designed to place policewomen in positions that
22 will enable them to respond to cases of reported rape.

23 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to all local and state law
24 enforcement agencies.
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