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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Recognizing International Year of the  
6 Child and encouraging Alaskans to  
7 participate in local observances.

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

9 WHEREAS children with all their joy, curiosity, creativity, insight, and  
10 trust are a perpetual source of delight and inspiration; and

11 WHEREAS children are our most valuable resource and our hope for the  
12 future; it is up to them to carry our work and dreams forward and to deter-  
13 mine whether our diverse Alaskan cultures and lifestyles flourish or die; and

14 WHEREAS the third of our population in Alaska who are children are  
15 substantially dependent on adults for their care and well being, and how well  
16 we as adults fulfill our responsibilities to our children is one measure of  
17 the greatness of this or any society; and

18 WHEREAS the United States as a whole is one of the richest and most  
19 technologically advanced nations of the world, yet the high rates of infant  
20 mortality, the prevalence of child abuse and neglect, and the insufficiency  
21 of medical care and pre-school and after school care, indicate that the  
22 quality of care for our children is sometimes wanting; and

23 WHEREAS even in Alaska, despite the levels of assistance and service  
24 provided by both the public and private sector, children at times still face  
25 serious obstacles to their healthy physical, emotional, and intellectual  
26 development, such as poor nutrition, untreated disease, inadequate shelter,  
27 and education not suited to their culture or special needs; and

28 WHEREAS as soaring rates of teenage alcoholism and drug abuse, vandalism  
29 and crime, the falling educational achievement scores, and the prevalence of

1 teenage pregnancy appear to indicate our failure to provide a world for our  
2 children where social responsibility, achievement, and self-respect are  
3 valued and attainable goals for them; and

4 WHEREAS times are rapidly changing, and the lives of our children are  
5 substantially different than our own childhoods; we must therefore learn more  
6 about our children and their lives before we can provide them with meaningful  
7 guidance; and

8 WHEREAS each child is unique, with his or her own personality, abili-  
9 ties, and special needs, and it is up to us to see that each child receives  
10 the love, personal attention and education suited to both that child's  
11 special abilities and disabilities, to enable that child to become a useful  
12 and productive member of society;

13 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature acknowledges the impor-  
14 tant role of children in our society and joins with other states and nations  
15 throughout the world in recognizing 1979 as "International Year of the  
16 Child;" and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the citi-  
18 zens of Alaska to create and participate in local observances of Interna-  
19 tional Year of the Child which will enhance our understanding and apprecia-  
20 tion of our children, which will stimulate improvements in our parenting  
21 skills and public services, and which will help us create a better world for  
22 our children to grow up in.

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