

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 84

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Declaring April 18 - 24, 1982, to be
6 Victim Rights Week.

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

8 WHEREAS crime continues to be a critical social problem in the United
9 States and in Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS at least one in five Americans becomes a victim of crime each
11 year; and

12 WHEREAS the impact of crime on crime victims and witnesses to crimes is
13 often overlooked by our system of justice in the effort to apprehend, prose-
14 cute, and fairly sanction criminal offenders; and

15 WHEREAS the testimony of the victim of a crime is often a key element in
16 the successful prosecution of a criminal case; and

17 WHEREAS the serious nature of crime is most clearly manifested in its
18 devastating impact on the victim; and

19 WHEREAS crime victims and witnesses enjoy few statutory and consti-
20 tutional "rights" in comparison to the rights specifically guaranteed to the
21 accused; and

22 WHEREAS the "rights" of crime victims and witnesses should be focused in
23 the mind of the public; and

24 WHEREAS the fair administration of justice mandates that the citizens of
25 the United States and of Alaska and most particularly the public servants
26 recognize and honor the "rights" of victims, witnesses, and their dependents
27 or survivors;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State legislature respectfully requests
29 the governor to declare the week of April 18 - 24, 1982, to be Victim Rights

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1 **Week and urges all citizens and institutions, public and private, to support**
2 **programs providing services and aid to victims of crime.**

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