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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to Developmental Disabilities

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Awareness Month.

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

8 WHEREAS there are an estimated 9,081 children and adults with develop-  
9 mental disabilities in the state; and

10 WHEREAS these persons have severe chronic disabilities attributed to  
11 mental or physical impairment that begin early in life and result in sub-  
12 stantial limitations in major life activities such as self-care, mobility,  
13 language, learning, and self-direction; and

14 WHEREAS persons with developmental disabilities need interdisciplinary  
15 or generic service and treatment for extended periods of their lives; and

16 WHEREAS persons with developmental disabilities often have the  
17 capability to become more independent and economically self-sufficient; and

18 WHEREAS the services and expertise provided by professional personnel,  
19 parents, and concerned citizens enable persons with developmental disabili-  
20 ties to participate more freely in education, employment, and community  
21 living; and

22 WHEREAS increasingly more persons with developmental disabilities are  
23 living in the community, enabling them to live less restricted lives; and

24 WHEREAS through increased awareness of these programs, the public will  
25 better understand the potential and needs of persons with developmental  
26 disabilities;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that March 1987 is  
28 designated as "Alaska Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month," and that  
29 state and local government officials are requested to observe the month

1 with appropriate programs and activities.