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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16 (Rules)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Relating to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
6 Awareness Week.

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

8 WHEREAS fetal alcohol syndrome is one of the three major causes in the
9 United States of birth defects accompanied by mental retardation, and the
10 only preventable one; and

11 WHEREAS fetal alcohol syndrome can result in serious health problems,
12 such as heart defects, growth deficiencies associated with mental retarda-
13 tion, and developmental disabilities that retard a child's ability to walk
14 and speak; and

15 WHEREAS fetal alcohol syndrome has only recently been discovered to be
16 a major health problem and many questions regarding the illness remain
17 unanswered; and

18 WHEREAS, without exception, mothers of infants born with fetal alcohol
19 syndrome consumed alcohol during pregnancy; and

20 WHEREAS pregnant women who consume alcohol also risk having babies
21 with a series of other health problems, called fetal alcohol-related birth
22 effects, which include increased irritability and hyperactivity; and

23 WHEREAS fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol-related birth effects
24 can be prevented if pregnant women and women who plan to become pregnant
25 abstain from alcohol consumption; and

26 WHEREAS the Surgeon General has issued an advisory that pregnant women
27 and women who plan to become pregnant should not consume alcohol;

28 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
29 the Governor to proclaim May 10 - 16, 1987, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

1 Awareness Week, and to request that schools, health care organizations and
2 practitioners, and other public and private agencies observe the week with
3 appropriate activities.