

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 3/25/91

Referred: Health, Education & Social Services

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 6 - 12, 1991, as "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Week."

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

3 WHEREAS Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), also known as "crib death," is the number
4 one cause of death in infants after the first week of life; and

5 WHEREAS approximately 6,000 - 7,000 infants die as a result of SIDS every year in the United
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS these deaths are unpredictable because SIDS is not contagious, is not considered
8 hereditary, and many of its victims display no observable symptoms before their deaths; and

9 WHEREAS no single test has been discovered to identify which infants will succumb to SIDS
10 so there is no general means of preventing these deaths; and

11 WHEREAS SIDS occurs among families of all social and economic strata; and

12 WHEREAS the legislature wishes to acknowledge the tragedy of SIDS deaths and foster
13 increased understanding of the trauma experienced by parents of the affected infants;

14 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature designates the week of May 6 - 12, 1991,
15 as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Week, and urges schools, health care providers,
16 community organizations, state agencies, and other individuals and groups to undertake appropriate
17 activities to educate persons in the state about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.