SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the Alaska Commission on Children and Youth to give increased attention to**
2 **the special needs of adolescents.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Commission on Children and Youth has the responsibility under current
5 law to address the needs of children and youth individually and as they relate to their families; and
6 **WHEREAS** families headed by adolescents are in particular need of assistance to remain or
7 become healthy, productive households where children can be raised to achieve their full potential and
8 their teenaged parents can also achieve their full potential; and
9 **WHEREAS** the commission would be fulfilling its role in a doubly effective manner if it focused
10 increased attention on adolescent parenting and pregnancy because, in these situations, both the parents
11 and their offspring are children; and
12 **WHEREAS** increased attention given to the needs of adolescents could help prevent teen
13 pregnancies, decrease welfare costs, cut dropout rates, and ameliorate a variety of social ills;
14 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct
15 the Alaska Commission on Children and Youth to focus more of its attention on programs and services
16 that would help adolescents to avoid early pregnancy and to function as healthy family members when

1 they do have offspring.

2 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Alaska Commission on Children and Youth.