

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

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**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Establishing 1991 as the Year of the Lifetime Reader.**

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

**3 WHEREAS** an informed and literate citizenry is vital to a strong democracy; and

**4 WHEREAS** at every stage of life, from early childhood through old age, reading helps  
**5 individuals** to meet their responsibilities to their country, community, family, and self by providing  
**6 personal enjoyment, knowledge, and information; and**

**7 WHEREAS** a growing number of United States citizens, from children to adults living in  
**8 retirement, cannot read well or do not read, which often has a devastating effect on their health,**  
**9 happiness, and ability to contribute to society; and**

**10 WHEREAS** since 1983 the National Commission on Excellence, the Commission on Reading,  
**11 and the Librarian of the United States Congress have urged this country to give renewed attention to**  
**12 encouraging a love of books and reading among individuals of all ages;**

**13 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates 1991 to be the Year of the  
**14 Lifetime Reader and encourages parents, educators, librarians, government officials, members of the book**  
**15 community, corporations, labor unions, other organizations, and the citizens of the state to observe this**  
**16 year with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities aimed at giving individuals of every age and**  
**17 in every walk of life the gift, joy, and promise of reading.**