

**HOUSE BILL NO. 88**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES BUNDE, TOOHEY, Green, Porter**

**Introduced: 1/25/93**

**Referred: Health, Education & Social Services**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing May 1 as Family Day and the month of May as**  
2 **Preservation of the Family Month."**

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

4 **\* Section 1. FINDINGS.** The legislature makes the following findings:

5 (1) the term "Mayday" is a call for help, alerting others of distress and danger;

6 (2) the institution of the family has been in great danger of a gradual  
7 disintegration for a long time, and people need to pay immediate attention to preserving the  
8 family;

9 (3) in the month of May, people celebrate Mother's Day, which should remind  
10 people of the famous quotation, "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world";

11 (4) everyone agrees that the parental role is important in a society and that a  
12 loving and caring family creates the best environment for the healthy growth of children;

13 (5) May 1 follows a month, April, that is dedicated to the prevention of child  
14 abuse;

1           (6) May also represents early spring, the growth of flowers, and the  
2 rejuvenation of plants, life, and activity in nature.

3    \* Sec. 2. AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4           Sec. 44.12.075. FAMILY DAY AND FAMILY PRESERVATION MONTH.

5           Family Day is established on May 1 of each year to celebrate the institution of the  
6 family. The month of May each year is established as Preservation of the Family  
7 Month to encourage the preservation of the institution of the family. Family Day and  
8 Preservation of the Family Month may be observed by suitable observances and  
9 exercises by civic groups and the public.