

SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Disapproving Executive Order No. 84.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** women continue to suffer significant wage disparities in the workplace,
4 serious personal harm from rising rates of domestic violence, and have not achieved full
5 equality of treatment within our society; and

6 **WHEREAS** the problems of women as individuals, as wage earners, and as consumers
7 of health and other services require focused attention for the redress of inequitable conditions;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS** children increasingly live in poverty without adequate nutrition or health
10 care and suffer from rising rates of child abuse and neglect; and

11 **WHEREAS** the health and well-being of Alaska's children must be the concern of all
12 people, not just their parents, because we all have a stake in their ability to become self-
13 reliant, literate, and productive adults; and

14 **WHEREAS** there is currently one commission focusing on solutions for inequities and
15 needs involving women and one commission focusing on solutions for the problems and needs
16 faced by children and youth; and

1 **WHEREAS** the governor, under authority of art. III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State
2 of Alaska, has proposed to combine the functions of the Alaska Women's Commission and
3 the Alaska Commission on Children and Youth; and

4 **WHEREAS** the consolidation of the Alaska Women's Commission and the Alaska
5 Commission on Children and Youth dilutes the focus and attention required to solve the
6 problems facing women and children; and

7 **WHEREAS** the consolidation of these commissions perpetuates the misperception that
8 the concerns of women inevitably include the concerns of children and that they are so closely
9 linked that they cannot be considered separately; and

10 **WHEREAS** the consolidation of these commissions suggests a caretaker paternalism
11 in which women and children are treated alike as persons without individual identity; and

12 **WHEREAS** art. III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State of Alaska provides that unless
13 disapproved within 60 days of a regular session by resolution concurred in by a majority of
14 the members of the legislature in joint session, an executive order becomes effective at a date
15 designated by the governor;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that Executive Order No. 84 is
17 disapproved.