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## Sponsor Statement Senate Bill 77

On April 24, 1995 the Alaska State Senate passed SR1 by a vote of 18-0. That resolution called upon the Governor to proclaim May 4 of that year as a Day of Prayer in Alaska.

The bill history of SR1 notes the resolution was transmitted to the Governor on April 26 and read by him on August 7.

The first Thursday in May is the National Day of Prayer recognized by Congress.

Passage of SB 77 will establish the first Thursday in May as a corresponding State Day of Prayer in Alaska.

Even Thomas Jefferson, famous for his letter to a Connecticut religious association referring to "a wall of separation between church and state", also said he was convinced "that a man's natural right" to religious expression is not in opposition to his political function.

Recognition of the Day of Prayer in Alaska is in keeping with that heritage.

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