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Senate Concurrent Resolution 6

April 2001 Sexual Assault Awareness Month

◆ Sexual Assault in Alaska Needs Attention

Sexual assault crimes in Alaska are presently the highest, per capita, in the nation today. This crime has an occurrence of 2.4 times the national average. While 1,859 cases of child sexual abuse were reported to the Division of Family and Youth Services last year alone, unreported incidents are eight times higher. An estimated one in four women in Alaska will likely fall victim to this crime.

◆ Combating Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is an underreported crime and public awareness must be elevated in order to fight Alaska's occurrence rates. It is hoped that awareness will bring more offenders to justice as a result of increased reporting and will give Alaskans a better understanding of the avenues to assistance for victims and families.

◆ Alliances

SCR6 encourages schools, churches, community organizations, public and private institutions, families and individuals to participate in the prevention and eventual elimination of sexual assault. It will boost the efforts of Alaska's first Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention Conference in September 2001.

◆ Other States

Sexual Assault Awareness month has been proclaimed by 36 other states, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. Five states have designated other months. April was designated national Sexual Assault Awareness Month because rape crisis centers throughout the United States agreed upon this date at a meeting of the National Coalition Against Sexual Assault in the late 1980's to better coordinate nationwide efforts at preventing, educating and promoting a better understanding of sexual assault.

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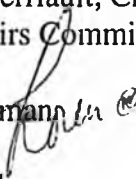


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MEMO

TO: Senator Gene Therriault, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Loren Lemman 

DATE: February 28, 2001

RE: Scheduling Senate Concurrent Resolution 6: April 2001 Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Please Schedule **SCR6: April 2001 Sexual Assault Awareness Month** at your earliest possible convenience.

I introduced this legislation to support the proclamation of April 2001 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. SCR6 expresses the legislature's desire to increase public awareness concerning the prevalence of sexual assault and the avenues available to combat it.

FISCAL NOTE

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2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SCR 6
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title: April 2001 Sexual Assault Awareness Month BRU: _____
 Sponsor: Senator Leman Component: _____
 Requester: Senate State Affairs Component Number: _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Senator: /s/ SENATOR THERRIault Date 3/7/01
 Committee Chair

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Sponsor Statement – Senate Concurrent Resolution 6

“Relating to the proclamation of April 2001 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.”

Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 expresses the legislature’s desire to increase public awareness about the undue prevalence of sexual assault in Alaska.

Sexual Assault incidents in Alaska occur at a rate of 2.4 times the national average. SCR6 encourages schools, community organizations, public and private institutions as well as families and individuals to participated in emphasize and combat this grave and disgraceful problem.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month will bolster the impact of Alaska’s first Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention Conference, to be held in September 2001.

SCR6 will promote discussion of this devastating problem among Alaska residents. With only one in eight rapes reported, sexual assault is the most under reported crime in Alaska. Heightened awareness can only improve the overall occurrence statistics and at the very least, help to bring offenders to justice through increased reporting and understanding of sexual assault.

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