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Alaska State Legislature

Representative Anna Fairclough – House District 17

MEMORANDUM

To: Sen. Linda Menard
Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee
From: Rep. Anna Fairclough
Date: March 30, 2009
Re: Committee Waiver for HCR 11: Relating to proclaiming April of 2009 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Attached you will find a sponsor statement and most current version of HCR 11: Relating to proclaiming April of 2009 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

I am requesting that the Senate State Affairs Committee consider waiving this bill from committee. HCR 11 passed unanimously on the House Floor, and we are hoping to have it through the Senate by April 1st. By recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Alaska and its citizens acknowledge the prevalence of sexual violence in our state, which is the first step to eradicating it.

Please contact Crystal Koeneman at extension 4695 with any questions.

I appreciate your time and thank you for your consideration.

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For
HCR 11

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House Concurrent Resolution 11

Proclaiming the month of April 2009 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month

House Concurrent Resolution 11 intends to encourage all Alaskans to speak out against sexual assault and let others know that it will not be tolerated.

In addition to trying to spread the message and reach out to Alaskans who've suffered to speak up and discourage the continuance of this crime, we also want to recognize the efforts of groups and people around the state who have committed their time, effort and lives to making sure victims have someone to talk to, a place to go and other services and avenues to help.

Currently, estimates from nonprofit groups and the government show that Alaska has 2.5 times the national average of reported sexual assault cases, the highest per capita occurrence in the entire nation.

I urge your support on this important piece of Legislation.

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