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Relating to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week.

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

WHEREAS fetal alcohol syndrome is one of the three major causes in the United States of birth defects accompanied by mental retardation, and the only preventable one; and

WHEREAS fetal alcohol syndrome can result in serious health problems, such as heart defects, growth deficiencies associated with mental retardation, and developmental disabilities that retard a child's ability to walk and speak; and

WHEREAS fetal alcohol syndrome has only recently been discovered to be a major health problem and many questions regarding the illness remain unanswered; and

WHEREAS, without exception, mothers of infants born with fetal alcohol syndrome consumed alcohol during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS pregnant women who consume alcohol also risk having babies with a series of other health problems, called fetal alcohol-related birth effects, which include increased irritability and hyperactivity; and

WHEREAS fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol-related birth effects can be prevented if pregnant women and women who plan to become pregnant abstain from alcohol consumption; and

WHEREAS the Surgeon General has issued an advisory that pregnant women and women who plan to become pregnant should not consume alcohol;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to proclaim May 10 - 16, 1987, Fetal

Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week, and to request that schools, health care organizations and practitioners, and other public and private agencies observe the week with appropriate activities.