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Relating to Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

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

WHEREAS there are an estimated 9,081 children and adults with developmental disabilities in the state; and

WHEREAS these persons have severe chronic disabilities attributed to mental or physical impairment that begin early in life and result in substantial limitations in major life activities such as self-care, mobility, language, learning, and self-direction; and

WHEREAS persons with developmental disabilities need interdisciplinary or generic service and treatment for extended periods of their lives; and

WHEREAS persons with developmental disabilities often have the capability to become more independent and economically self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS the services and expertise provided by professional personnel, parents, and concerned citizens enable persons with developmental disabilities to participate more freely in education, employment, and community living; and

WHEREAS increasingly more persons with developmental disabilities are living in the community, enabling them to live less restricted lives; and

WHEREAS through increased awareness of these programs, the public will better understand the potential and needs of persons with developmental disabilities;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that March

1987 is designated as "Alaska Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month," and that state and local government officials are requested to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities.