

STATE OF ALASKA

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Establishing 1991 as the Year of the Lifetime Reader.

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

WHEREAS an informed and literate citizenry is vital to a strong democracy; and

WHEREAS at every stage of life, from early childhood through old age, reading helps individuals to meet their responsibilities to their country, community, family, and self by providing personal enjoyment, knowledge, and information; and

WHEREAS a growing number of United States citizens, from children to adults living in retirement, cannot read well or do not read, which often has a devastating effect on their health, happiness, and ability to contribute to society; and

WHEREAS since 1983 the National Commission on Excellence, the Commission on Reading, and the Librarian of the United States Congress have urged this country to give renewed attention to encouraging a love of books and reading among individuals of all ages;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature designates 1991 to be the Year of the Lifetime Reader and encourages parents, educators, librarians, government officials, members of the book community, corporations, labor unions, other organizations, and the citizens of the state to observe this year with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities aimed at giving

individuals of every age and in every walk of life the gift, joy, and promise of reading.

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