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Relating to support for the National Rifle Association's gun safety program for children.

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

**WHEREAS** our children regularly face situations in the home, and in other children's homes, that could place them in potential danger if they are ignorant of the hazards; and

**WHEREAS** these hazards are many and serious, including unsupervised swimming pools, power tools, household chemicals, and electrical appliances; and

**WHEREAS** parents and educators across the country realize that children should be taught responsible ways to deal with potentially hazardous household objects and situations; and

**WHEREAS** education programs for our children on these common hazards should be available in schools and, in fact, programs such as bicycle safety, fire safety, and traffic safety are already integrated into the curriculum of many schools; and

**WHEREAS** 70,000,000 law-abiding Americans own and keep firearms in their homes, and unsupervised children may encounter these firearms; and

**WHEREAS** the National Rifle Association (NRA) has developed the innovative and

straightforward NRA gun safety program that leaves children with this simple message: "If you see a gun, leave it alone, don't touch it, tell an adult."; and

**WHEREAS** the NRA is recognized widely as the authority in teaching gun safety and marksmanship, having trained millions of Americans through training and marksmanship courses, Police Athletic Leagues, gun clubs, scout troops, 4-H programs, and American Legion posts for more than a century; and

**WHEREAS** the NRA Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program was developed by educators to present a balanced, factual message and neither encourages nor discourages gun ownership; and

**WHEREAS** the NRA Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program has been endorsed by educators and law enforcement officers; and

**WHEREAS** teachers and police departments in 42 states already have implemented the gun safety program in some elementary schools;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature endorses the NRA Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program and recommends that state and local education officials implement this worthwhile program in the schools as soon as possible.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jerry Covey, commissioner of education; the Honorable Richard L. Burton, commissioner of public safety; and to the superintendent of each school system in the state.