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Relating to Avalanche Awareness Month.

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

**WHEREAS** Alaskans live, work, and play in and on the edge of the wilderness; and

**WHEREAS** the abundance and variety of the state's winter recreational opportunities are unmatched in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** many of the state's popular winter recreation areas are subject to avalanche danger; and

**WHEREAS** some Alaskans are not properly educated or equipped to recognize and respond to avalanches; and

**WHEREAS** a number of Alaskans are killed each year by avalanches; and

**WHEREAS** education on the recognition of avalanche risks, response to avalanches, and the use of appropriate equipment could reduce avalanche-related fatalities;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the governor to proclaim the month of November 2001 as Avalanche Awareness Month; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges schools, community groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals to observe Avalanche Awareness Month with appropriate activities that increase the public's awareness of avalanche dangers, how to respond to avalanches, and the use of appropriate equipment in avalanche areas.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor; to Aedene Arthur, Backcountry Avalanche Awareness and Response Team; to Doug Fesler and Jill Fredston, co-directors, The Alaska Mountain Safety Center, Inc.; to Bill Glude, Southeast Alaska Avalanche Center; to Colonel Randy Crawford, Director, Division of Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Department of Public Safety; to the mayors, chiefs of police, and fire chiefs of the Municipality of Anchorage, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Haines Borough, City and Borough of Juneau, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, City and Borough of Sitka, City of Cordova, City of Fairbanks, City of Haines, City of Palmer, City of Petersburg, City of Seward, City of Skagway, City of Valdez, and City of Wasilla; to the operators of the ski areas at Eaglecrest, Alyeska, Alpenglow, Hilltop, Cleary Summit, and Cordova Ski Hill; and to legislative communication offices for statewide distribution.