



Alaska State Legislature

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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 224

Short Title: OLDER ALASKANS' DAY

Summary:

- Establishes the second Wednesday of September as Older Alaskan's Day to honor residents 60 years or older.

Benefits:

- Honors Alaska's seniors and complements National Senior Center Week celebrations, which fall during the second full week of September starting in 2007.

Background:

- Alaska's seniors are one of the nation's fastest growing senior populations, comprising 20% of the state's population. Each year, Alaskans 60 years of age and older contribute millions of dollars to Alaska's economy. Through their involvement with various organizations, service clubs and the like, they also provide thousands of hours of volunteer work through various organizations for the betterment of their communities and state. Given the numerous and important contributions Alaska's Seniors make to our state, it is a fitting honor that a day be set aside to recognize these accomplishments.