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HOUSE DISTRICT 19

SPONSOR STATEMENT

House Concurrent Resolution 7

“Relating to proclaiming April 2001 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.”

Sexual assault is one of the most devastating crimes in our society. In the state of Alaska, statistics illustrate a sobering reality. Alaska has the highest per capital occurrence of sexual assault in the nation. While Alaskans work to provide quality services, assistance, support, and advocacy for victims of sexual assault, there is a profound need for greater awareness, prevention, and educational measures.

HCR 7 proclaims the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It is important that schools, community organizations, public and private agencies and individuals observe this month with activities that seek to educate and increase the public's awareness of the prevalence of sexual assault in Alaska.

HCR 7 is meant to encourage those who have been affected by sexual assault as well as the members of our communities that act as counselors and advocates. Your support of this resolution is a necessary step in helping to heal and educate our communities.

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