

**STATE OF ALASKA
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Proclaiming September 9, 2010, as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day.

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

WHEREAS fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are a leading cause of preventable and permanent birth defects and mental retardation in the United States; and

WHEREAS the birth defects associated with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders include brain damage, facial deformities, and deficits in growth, learning, memory, and internal organ development; and

WHEREAS fetal alcohol spectrum disorders result from ingestion of alcohol by a woman during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS Alaska has the highest known incidence of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders in the United States; and

WHEREAS fetal alcohol spectrum disorders affect all racial and socioeconomic groups; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the personal emotional costs, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders cost taxpayers millions of dollars over an affected individual's lifetime;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature proclaims September 9, 2010,

as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of the state observe Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day with appropriate efforts to promote awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol and of the fact that there is no known safe level of alcohol consumption during pregnancy, to increase identification of children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, and to improve the lives of those affected by fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.