

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred:

A RESOLUTION

1 **Designating September 1 - 7, 2015, as Quality Pre-Kindergarten through High School**
2 **Week.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the state needs to work to improve access to voluntary pre-kindergarten
5 programs because pre-kindergarten programs increase graduation rates, college attendance,
6 and earnings, and reduce costs associated with crime and welfare; and

7 **WHEREAS** every student in the state should have access to an effective education;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS** citizens across the state agree that continuing to improve the quality of
10 education from voluntary pre-kindergarten through high school is an issue of importance to
11 the state's leaders; and

12 **WHEREAS** the state recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable
13 system of education plays in preparing children in the state to be successful adults; and

14 **WHEREAS** the state has a multitude of high quality traditional public schools, public
15 charter schools, public statewide and district correspondence programs, home schooling
16 support programs, and nonpublic schools; and

1 **WHEREAS** the state has many high quality, dedicated teaching professionals in all
2 types of educational environments; and

3 **WHEREAS** it is important for parents in the state to explore and identify the best
4 educational options available to their children; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Constitution of the State of Alaska prohibits the diversion of public
6 school funding for use by private educational institutions; and

7 **WHEREAS** the state should seek ways to reduce class sizes in public schools that
8 have class sizes that are too large;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates September 1 - 7,
10 2015, as Quality Pre-Kindergarten through High School Week.