

Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1808

**A Resolution Supporting Amendments to the Alaska
Involuntary Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commitment Law.**

WHEREAS, current state law providing for the commitment of individuals incapacitated by the use of alcoholic beverages renders the commitment process slow, expensive, and less effective than it could be, and

WHEREAS, the current law does not extend to persons incapacitated by drug abuse, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature is presently considering House Bill 493, which would address these deficiencies by allowing the committing court to recognize a licensed treatment facility, by allowing bench trials in some cases, by including persons incapacitated by drugs as eligible for commitment, and by enacting other reforms, and

WHEREAS, the Social Services Advisory Board at its meeting of November 2, 1995, and the Assembly Human Resources Committee at its meeting on February 26, 1996, recommended that the Assembly support House Bill 493;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau supports efforts to reform alcohol and drug abuse treatment through House Bill 493.
2. The Clerk shall distribute copies of this resolution to the Alaska Legislative Delegation.
3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 1996.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk