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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO ADOPT
CSHB 84 (FIN) PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES AND VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska has before it CSHB 84 (Fin) which would prohibit smoking in most public places and vehicles, authorize the establishment of designated smoking areas subject to minimum ventilation and air quality standards, require nonsmoking areas to be posted, designate enforcement authorities, and establish civil fines for violations, and

WHEREAS, thousands of Alaskans have realized that it is in their own best interest to quit smoking, and

WHEREAS, scientific evidence links cigarette smoking with higher overall cancer death rates and premature death, and

WHEREAS, smokers run a higher risk of emphysema, and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown second-hand smoke to be a significant health hazard, and

WHEREAS, courts are increasingly recognizing the right of employees to work in a smoke-free environment, and

WHEREAS, smoking results in increased costs to employers in the form of more frequent absenteeism by employees who smoke, and higher costs for health insurance, fire insurance, life insurance, and worker's compensation, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of CSHB 84 (Fin) would benefit all citizens of the state of Alaska;

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

That the assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau urges the legislature of the state of Alaska to adopt CSHB 84 (Fin) prohibiting smoking in public places and vehicles.

Adopted this 19th day of January, 1984.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk