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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 365 ESTABLISHING AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING A PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND CHECKOFF FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GRANT FUND.

WHEREAS, alcoholism and other drug abuse is one of the major health problems facing the community of Juneau and the State of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the demand for services to combat drug and alcohol abuse problems, especially among our youth, continues to rise, and

WHEREAS, there is significant need for additional financial resources for alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment services in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, in FY90, state grant application requests from community based organizations throughout Alaska exceeded the amount of available funding by more than \$6 million, and

WHEREAS, Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 365 provides a source of additional funds for drug and alcohol treatment and prevention programs by establishing an alcohol and drug abuse grant program and authorizing a permanent fund dividend checkoff of \$10.00 for voluntary contributions to the grant fund, and

WHEREAS, the bill provides that priority in the award of grants will be given to programs aimed at youth, which programs provide the greatest financial and social returns because they alleviate drug and alcohol problems before they become severe, and

WHEREAS, the permanent fund dividend checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Olympic committee resulted in contributions of \$2.817 million over four years, and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the high level of concern expressed by Alaskans regarding drug and alcohol abuse in their communities will result in a considerably higher contribution rate for the alcohol and drug abuse grant program than the Olympic checkoff received, and

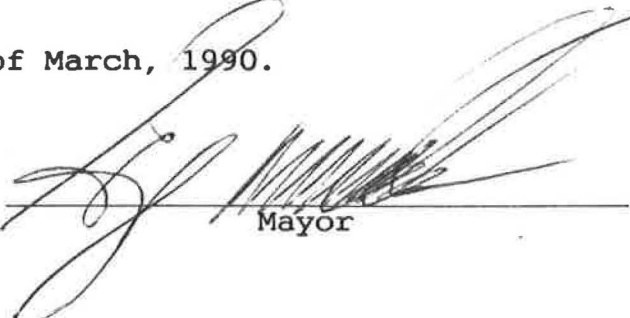
WHEREAS, the funds received from the proposed permanent fund dividend checkoff would serve to substantially assist local efforts to treat and prevent substance abuse;

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

1. That the Assembly urges the Alaska Legislature to adopt CSHB No. 365 establishing an alcohol and drug abuse grant program and authorizing a permanent fund dividend checkoff for voluntary contributions to the grant fund.

2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 1990.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk