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Human Resources
Committee
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1428

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION REQUIRING COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN ALASKA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, many of the leading health problems in Alaska, including substance abuse, accidental injuries, sexually transmitted diseases, dental disease, and lack of proper nutrition, are greatly affected by the lifestyles and personal health habits of each individual, and

WHEREAS, providing health education in Alaska's public schools is an effective means of promoting good health habits and teaching children the necessary skills for adopting and maintaining healthy practices and lifestyles that will influence them for the rest of their lives, and

WHEREAS, providing comprehensive health education to our children will assist them in understanding and appreciating health principles and problems so as to better enable them to make responsible and informed decisions regarding their health and life choices, and

WHEREAS, under existing law, school districts in Alaska are encouraged, but not required, to undertake a health education program for children in kindergarten through grade 12, and health education programs are inconsistent throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, there are currently bills pending in the legislature which would require school districts to include in the school curriculum a comprehensive health education program addressing such important matters as community health, consumer health, environmental health, family life, growth and development, nutritional health, mental health, personal health and fitness, prevention and control of diseases and disorders, safety and accident prevention, substance abuse, reproductive health, domestic violence, and parenting skills, and

WHEREAS, it is time the communities in Alaska started a comprehensive program to assist our children, through public education, in making better decisions and choices regarding their health and personal safety, and

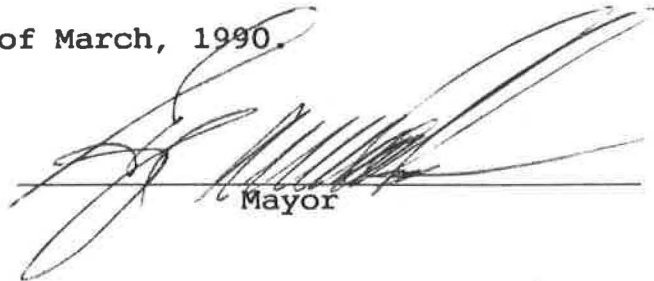
WHEREAS, a mandatory comprehensive health education program in our public schools is a valuable investment in the future of Alaska's children;

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 legislation requiring comprehensive health education programs in Alaska's public schools for children in kindergarten through grade 12.

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

Adopted this 5th day of March, 1990.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk