

## A Resolution in Support of the Anchorage Municipal Alcohol Tax

**Whereas** the Anchorage community has seen an increase in crime related to the lack of mental health services and substance abuse treatment and the community has been asking for a solution for years and

**Whereas** the Municipality of Anchorage proposes to tax alcohol at 5% and dedicate the revenue to public safety, mental health, and substance abuse and misuse treatment and *prevention and*

**Whereas** a 5% tax could raise between \$11-\$15 million annually and

**Whereas** the revenue will be dedicated to fund alcohol and substance abuse detox and treatment facilities, expand Anchorage Safety Patrol, team social works with police for mental health evaluations, or fund homeless services like camp abatement and *alcohol prevention thru education and*

**Whereas** the funds cannot be used to fund general government services and

**Whereas** the Administration is required to present how the revenue is being spent and the Assembly will have to approve new and continued spending with public input and

**Whereas** the revenue is greatly needed in the community and will help many Alaskans

**Therefore**, we <sup>Abbott Loop</sup> Community Council with a vote of 9 support and 0 oppose resolve to support the Municipal Alcohol Tax.

Signed,

Bruce Roberts

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President

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