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Supporting Recover Alaska in its efforts to reduce excessive alcohol consumption and its effects.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS excessive alcohol consumption negatively affects all Alaskans and is a contributing factor in many cases of domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, suicide, homelessness, violent crime, incarceration, and death; and

WHEREAS excessive alcohol consumption in the state harms the individual who over-consumes the alcohol, the individual's spouse and children, innocent strangers, and the public at large; and

WHEREAS excessive alcohol consumption is a deeply ingrained practice among many teenagers, college students, and adults in the state; and

WHEREAS, although efforts to reduce the harm caused by excessive alcohol consumption may present an overwhelming challenge, doing nothing to reduce the harm is unacceptable; and

WHEREAS Recover Alaska was formed by a group of concerned state residents that includes representatives of the court and criminal justice systems, health care professionals,

and public officials, including members of the Alaska State Legislature; and

WHEREAS Recover Alaska is pursuing strategies with a variety of stakeholders to effect long-term change, including

(1) a statewide comprehensive communication and advocacy strategy for reduction of harm caused by excessive alcohol consumption, especially among children and teenagers;

(2) development of a one-stop shop where Alaskans may find accurate information and referral services for prevention and treatment of and recovery from excessive alcohol consumption; and

(3) revision of state statutes governing the sale and distribution of alcohol;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports Recover Alaska and its work to reduce the harm caused by excessive consumption of alcohol in the state.