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9 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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11 RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 07
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13 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE AND
14 GOVERNOR OF ALASKA TO MAKE EXPRESSLY LEGAL THE CULTIVATION OF
15 INDUSTRIAL HEMP IN THE STATE OF ALASKA
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17 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is defined as that variety of cannabis
18 containing not more than three tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinol (.3% THC)
19 and is therefore legally and in fact nonpsychoactive; and
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21 WHEREAS, industrial hemp (hereinafter "hemp") is produced legally in
22 more than 30 nations, including Canada, Great Britain, France, Germany, Australia and
23 China, and is imported into the U.S. for use in the production of over \$300 million worth
24 of products such as textiles, automotive panels, insulation, mulch, animal bedding,
25 rope, canvass, biomass fuel, energy bars, meatless burgers, lotions, lip balms,
26 shampoos, soaps, massage oils, etc; and
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28 WHEREAS, hemp would be a viable crop in Alaska, responding to a
29 variety of demands locally, including energy production, as demonstrated by large scale
30 competitive (legal) agricultural production in comparable latitudes and soils in Canada;
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33 WHEREAS, Alaskan hemp production could help alleviate the
34 unemployment problem and economic troubles in Alaska, especially considering our
35 cheap agricultural land which could be even cheaper with lease or outright grants of
36 state land; and
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38 WHEREAS, the federal Controlled Substance Act of 1970 prohibits
39 nationally the production of hemp yet permits virtually its unlimited importation, explicitly
40 acknowledging hemp as being distinct from marijuana and having no psychoactive
41 properties, and
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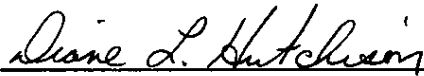
43 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution assures the State of Alaska
44 and its people of (a) unequivocal autonomy except where it delegates power to the
45 federal government (ninth and tenth amendments), and (b) sovereignty over their
46 property (fourth and fifth amendments); and

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48 WHEREAS, in that document, no delegation or interpretation of power is
49 apparent, that would permit a proscription in Alaska of agricultural production of such a
50 product as hemp; and
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52 WHEREAS, North Dakota, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Oregon,
53 California, Montana, West Virginia and Vermont have legitimized hemp by expressly
54 making legal its cultivation, awaiting federal acknowledgement of its nonjurisdiction, or
55 court decisions mandating such;
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57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the
58 Fairbanks North Star Borough hereby emphatically urges the legislature and the
59 governor of the State of Alaska (a) to enact statutes expressly empowering the people
60 of this state to engage in the agricultural pursuit of the cultivation of hemp, as herein
61 defined; and (b) to petition the president of the United State and his Drug Enforcement
62 Administration either to justify constitutionally its essential ban on hemp or to nullify its
63 current restriction on its cultivation and distribution in the United States.
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65 PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.
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Diane Hutchison
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Mona Lisa Drexler, MMC
Municipal Borough Clerk

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68 Ayes: Davies, Howard, Sattley, Dukes, Musick, Kassel
69 Noes: Want, Winters, Hutchison