

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to declaring March 1999 as Sobriety Awareness Month.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

3 **WHEREAS** it is the policy of the State of Alaska, under AS 47.37.010, "to recognize,  
4 appreciate, and reinforce the example set by its citizens who lead, believe in, and support a  
5 life of sobriety"; and

6 **WHEREAS** sobriety has been defined to mean "a positive, healthy, and productive  
7 way of life, free from the devastating effects of alcohol and drugs" by more than 50 profit and  
8 nonprofit organizations, community groups, and student governments throughout the state; and

9 **WHEREAS** these organizations, community groups, and student governments  
10 constitute what is commonly referred to as a growing "sobriety movement"; and

11 **WHEREAS** the "sobriety movement" is interpreted as "The collective effort on the  
12 part of individuals, families and communities, and public and private agencies, affected by,  
13 concerned with, and working toward the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse, who by  
14 example encourage and support others in leading a life of sobriety"; and

15 **WHEREAS** the benefits of leading a life of sobriety to Alaska's citizens are threefold:

16 (1) improvement in the quality of life and health of individuals, families, and  
17 communities;

- 1                   (2) reduction in the incidence of alcohol and drug related crimes;  
2                   (3) reduction in the burden on government by not having to exhaust its  
3 resources to pay for the pervasive problems caused by alcohol and drug abuse; and

4           **WHEREAS** March has been designated "Sobriety Awareness Month" by the Alaska  
5 State Legislature and Governor Knowles every year since 1995 to recognize, appreciate, and  
6 reinforce the example set by citizens who lead, believe in, and support a life of sobriety;

7           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the month of March 1999 should be proclaimed as Sobriety  
8 Awareness Month; and be it

9           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Governor Tony Knowles is requested to proclaim the  
10 same and have copies of the proclamation sent to all the respective departments and  
11 departmental agencies within the administration that fund or have contact with youth, schools,  
12 family services, or provide rehabilitation or correctional services; and be it

13           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that all Alaska citizens who lead, believe in, or support a  
14 life of sobriety are urged to indicate so by wearing a white ribbon of their choosing so that  
15 they may be readily recognized and appreciated during Sobriety Awareness Month 1999.