

Adopted: 02/07/12

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 12-016**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 140 AND HOUSE BILL 253, BANNING THE COMPOUNDS USED TO MAKE SYNTHETIC COCAINE.

WHEREAS, the compounds mephedrone and methylenedioxypyrovalerone or MDVP are currently being sold legally at gas stations, tobacco shops and other businesses statewide as bath salts, plant food, incense, potpourri, insect repellant and dietary supplements; and

WHEREAS, these compounds are used to make synthetic cocaine and are known to be extremely addictive and produce a high similar to methamphetamine and cocaine, but have been found to be 10 times as dangerous; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of synthetic cocaine include paranoia, delusions, hallucinations, suicidal behavior, and violence; and

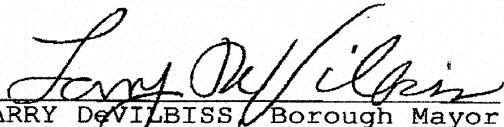
WHEREAS, the abuse of these substances has been increasing and law enforcement and medical professionals have indicated "bath salts" in particular are becoming increasingly popular due to the misperception that they pose a seemingly safer alternative to illegal methods of getting "high;" and

WHEREAS, representatives of businesses selling the substances indicate they are available to minors as well as adults;

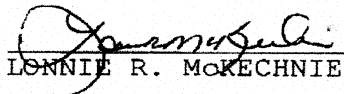
WHEREAS, the products used to make synthetic cocaine pose a real threat to the health and safety of Borough residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports and endorses the passage of Senate Bill 140 and House Bill 253 that ban the compounds used to make synthetic cocaine.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 7 day of February, 2012.


LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McRECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Keogh, Woods, Arvin, Colligan, Salmon, and Colver