

# Municipality of Anchorage



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## GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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### Resolution 2017-18 Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR END OF LIFE OPTIONS LEGISLATION**

WHEREAS, advances in science and technology have created medical interventions that often prolong the dying process and prolong suffering; and

WHEREAS, "aid in dying" describes a medical practice defined by established standards of care, which enables a mentally competent, terminally ill adult to obtain a prescription for medication, which the patient may choose to self-administer, in the face of unbearable suffering, to advance the time of an approaching death; and

WHEREAS, many find comfort and peace of mind in having access to options at the end of life, including aid in dying, even if they do not choose to exercise those options; and

WHEREAS, six states and the District of Columbia affirmatively authorize the medical practice of aid in dying, enabling terminally ill, mentally competent adult residents to receive a prescription for life-ending medication from their doctor.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves by a vote of 5 to 0, its support for End of Life Options legislation to be moved from the Health and Human Service Committee and to continue in the process of consideration and approval by the Alaska State Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

*Jerry Fox* 12/18/17  
Jerry Fox, GBOS Date

*Margaret Zuer*  
Attest