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Sponsor Statement for SCR 12 Sobriety Awareness Month

**A Senate Concurrent Resolution declaring March 2000
as Sobriety Awareness Month**

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Alcohol and drug abuse has been identified as the single most destructive health problem in Alaska. Its devastating effects have been felt within every racial, ethnic and economic background.

Senate Concurrent Resolution ([SCR 12](#)) reinforces the commitment Alaskans make to a clean and healthy lifestyle.

SCR 12 will help to:

- a. highlight and reinforce socially appropriate behaviors and choices that improve quality of life and health of individuals, families, and communities;
- b. reduce the incidence of alcohol and drug related crime; and,
- c. reduce the burden on government in having to expend valuable resources to pay for the perverse problems caused by alcohol and drugs.

SCR 12 follows conventional wisdom to focus on sobriety as a solution being embraced by thousands of Alaskans.

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