

**SENATE BILL NO. 208**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR GARDNER

Introduced: 2/19/18

Referred: Health and Social Services, State Affairs

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act establishing the month of March as Sobriety Awareness Month."**

2   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3       **\* Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
4 to read:

5           LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. (a) In establishing Sobriety Awareness  
6 Month, it is the intent of the legislature to call attention to Alaskans who choose a positive  
7 and healthy lifestyle by not consuming mood- or mind-altering substances, and who, by virtue  
8 of their freely chosen lifestyle, serve as examples that life can be lived and enjoyed without  
9 the consumption of mood- or mind-altering substances.

10           (b) The legislature finds that a life without the consumption of mood- or mind-  
11 altering substances

12               (1) improves the quality of life and the health of individuals, families, and  
13 communities;

14               (2) reduces the incidence of alcohol- or drug-related social ills, including  
15 crime, domestic violence, and child abuse and neglect;

(3) reduces the burden on local, state, and federal treasuries that pay for the pervasive social ills caused by alcohol and drug abuse;

6 (5) assists the state in complying with the declaration of policy under  
7 AS 47.37.010.

8 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read: