

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting Recover Alaska in its efforts to reduce the effects of excessive alcohol**
2 **consumption.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** excessive alcohol consumption negatively affects all Alaskans and is a
5 contributing factor in many cases of domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, fetal alcohol
6 spectrum disorders, suicide, homelessness, violent crime, incarceration, and death; and

7 **WHEREAS** excessive alcohol consumption in the state harms the individual who
8 over-consumes the alcohol, the individual's spouse and children, innocent strangers, and the
9 public at large; and

10 **WHEREAS** excessive alcohol consumption is a deeply ingrained practice among
11 many teenagers, college students, and adults in the state; and

12 **WHEREAS**, although efforts to reduce the harm caused by excessive alcohol
13 consumption may present an overwhelming challenge, doing nothing to reduce the harm is
14 unacceptable; and

15 **WHEREAS** Recover Alaska was formed by a group of concerned state residents that
16 includes representatives of the court and criminal justice systems, health care professionals,

1 and public officials, including members of the Alaska State Legislature; and

2 **WHEREAS** Recover Alaska is pursuing strategies with a variety of stakeholders to
3 effect long-term change, including

4 (1) a statewide comprehensive communication and advocacy strategy for
5 reduction of harm caused by excessive alcohol consumption, especially among children and
6 teenagers;

7 (2) development of a one-stop-shop where Alaskans may find accurate
8 information and referral services for prevention and treatment of and recovery from excessive
9 alcohol consumption; and

10 (3) revision of state statutes governing the sale and distribution of alcohol;

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports Recover Alaska and its
12 work to reduce the harm caused by excessive consumption of alcohol in the state.