

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29 am
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to support for therapeutic courts for repeat driving while under the influence**
2 **offenders.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature enacted legislation
5 establishing pilot therapeutic court models and establishing standards for court-ordered
6 treatment programs; and

7 **WHEREAS** pilot courts in Anchorage and Bethel are applying the therapeutic court
8 model effectively, and the communities of Juneau, Fairbanks, and Ketchikan and the Alaska
9 Court System are in the process of developing therapeutic courts for driving while under the
10 influence (DUI) and other substance offenders; and

11 **WHEREAS** the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has instituted a
12 national program to provide federal funds for the startup of DUI therapeutic courts; and

13 **WHEREAS** the participation of the Department of Law and its local district attorney
14 offices, the Public Defender Agency, and the Department of Corrections, division of
15 probation and parole, is vital to the startup of these courts;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that

1 (1) the legislature supports the efforts of therapeutic courts to reduce DUI
2 crime, thereby reducing public harm and saving public costs;

3 (2) the Department of Law, the Public Defender Agency, and the Department
4 of Corrections, division of probation and parole, are encouraged to actively participate in the
5 startup of therapeutic courts in Fairbanks, Ketchikan, and other communities where there is a
6 large population of DUI offenders and local support for therapeutic courts.

7 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gregg Renkes, Alaska
8 Attorney General; the Honorable Alexander O. Bryner, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme
9 Court; the Honorable Mike Miller, Commissioner, Department of Administration; the
10 Honorable Stephanie J. Cole, Administrative Director, Alaska Court System; the Honorable
11 Barbara Brink, Public Defender; and the Honorable Marc Antrim, Commissioner, Department
12 of Corrections.