

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY SENATORS DONLEY, Phillips**

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**Referred: HES, JUD**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the Environmental Protection Agency to suspend the oxygenated fuels**  
2 **program in Anchorage, Alaska.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

4 **WHEREAS** an epidemiology study performed by the Department of Health and Social  
5 Services, released on December 23, 1992, concluded that the oxygenated fuels program in  
6 Anchorage should be suspended; and

7 **WHEREAS** the health effects of blending methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) with  
8 gasoline are unknown, especially in exceptionally cold climates such as Anchorage; and

9 **WHEREAS** a significant number of Anchorage residents have asked for a suspension  
10 of the oxygenated fuels program through petition signatures, opinions expressed at public  
11 forums, letters, phone calls, and public opinion messages to legislators; and

12 **WHEREAS** there are other methods, such as natural gas vehicles and increased bus  
13 service, for reducing carbon monoxide pollution; and

14 **WHEREAS** the oxygenated fuels program could be reintroduced if the cold weather  
15 health effects of MTBE-blended oxyfuels are determined to be safe to human health;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Senate urges the Environmental Protection

1 Agency to suspend the Anchorage oxygenated fuels program so that it is not resumed for the  
2 winter of 1993 - 1994 unless complete and conclusive studies clearly show that MTBE-  
3 blended fuels are not harmful to our citizens' health and that MTBE-blended fuels are the  
4 most effective way to reduce carbon monoxide pollution in Anchorage.

5 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Carol M. Browner, Director of the  
6 Environmental Protection Agency; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank  
7 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
8 the Alaska delegation in Congress.