

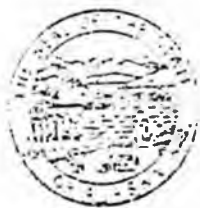
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### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 04

"A Senate Concurrent Resolution declaring  
March 1997 as Sobriety Awareness Month (SAM)"

#### Sponsor Statement

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) No. 04 reinforces the intent language of HB 523 which passed last session. SCR No. 4 follows a conventional wisdom to focus on a solution being embraced by thousands of Alaskan citizens. Social norms, such as they are, it helps to know that the state is doing something positive to recognize, reinforce, and appreciate the example people are setting for sobriety: a positive, healthy and productive way of life, free from the devastating effects of alcohol and drug abuse.

If SRC No. 04 is passed it will help to highlight and reinforce the socially appropriate behaviors and choices that: a) Improve the quality of life and health of individuals, families and communities; b) Reduce the incidence of alcohol and drug related crimes; c) Reduce the burden on government in having to exhaust its resources and pay for the pervasive problems caused by alcohol and drug abuse.

It seems fitting, too, that if we can nationally name a month after a commodity (alcohol), give it free publicity and attention by focussing on its all problems. Alaska should lead the nation in giving equal time to naming a month after a lifestyle (sobriety: a solution) to focus on all of its benefits.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SCR 4

Revision Date: February 21, 1997 Dept. Affected: all depts.  
 Title: Making March, 1997 Sobriety Awareness BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: Senator Ward  
 Requester: Senate Rules Committee COMPONENT SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY97) cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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