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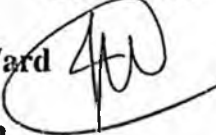


# SENATOR JERRY WARD

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Senator Gene Therriault, Chair  
Senate State Affair Committee

**FROM:** Senator Jerry Ward 

**DATE:** January 28, 2002

**SUBJECT:** SCR 22 Request for Hearing

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I respectfully request a hearing for SCR 22, a Senate concurrent resolution declaring March 2002 as "Sobriety Awareness Month." The sponsor statement for SCR 22 is enclosed.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you or your staff should have any questions, please contact me at 465-4940.





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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22

A Senate Concurrent Resolution declaring March 2002 as  
Sobriety Awareness Month

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) 22 reinforces the commitment Alaskans make to a clean and healthy life style.

SCR 22 will help to: 1) Highlight and reinforce socially appropriate behaviors and choices that improve quality of life and health of individuals, families, and communities, 2) Reduce the incidence of alcohol and drug related crime and 3) Reduce the burden on government in having to expend valuable resources to pay for the problems caused by alcohol and drugs.

SCR 22 follows conventional wisdom to focus on sobriety as a solution being embraced by thousands of Alaskans.

**Subject:** [Fwd: March is Sobriety Month]  
**Date:** Thu, 14 Feb 2002 10:57:58 -0900  
**From:** Senator Jerry Ward <Senator\_Jerry\_Ward@legis.state.ak.us>  
**Organization:** Alaska State Legislature  
**To:** Loretta Brown <Loretta\_Brown@legis.state.ak.us>

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**Subject:** March is Sobriety Month  
**Date:** Wed, 13 Feb 2002 22:47:53 -0900  
**From:** "Frank Dahl" <frankdahl@customcpu.com>  
**To:** <Senator\_Jerry\_Ward@legis.state.ak.us>

MARCH IS SOBRIETY MONTH

**TESTIMONY OF FRANK DAHL, immediate past president of Anchorage CHARR**

I am unable to testify in person today for a very important reason.

I have been recently charged with Driving Under the Influence. Unimaginable that it may be to myself and others, I allowed myself to be put in a position that I have continually warned others to avoid. Being the owner of a very popular bar and restaurant as well as president of Anchorage CHARR and on the Board of Directors of State CHARR, I feel I should hold myself to a higher standard.

Yet, I, as many others in our society, ( many of whom I am sure you may know or may be aware of ) drank beyond the new .08 BAC level. I simply forgot to turn my headlights on. I was stopped by the police and charged with DUI. Eventhough there was no accident, nor was anyone hurt, I have paid dearly, and will continue to pay.

Being in the business of selling alcohol, naturally, I support the responsible consumption of alcohol. However, I also support those who choose not to drink and live a life of sobriety. Many of my friends and customers drink only on occassion, or do not drink at all. "March is Sobriety Month" is a good idea.

We all recognize that Alaska has a serious alcohol abuse problem. It is important to note that whatever accomplishments we have made toward the reduction of this problem has occurred because of "**Quality Treatment and Education**". Long jail sentences and stiffer fines just have not worked. We need to take a good hard look at our existing treatment programs and face the fact that most are not working. These programs are rewarded by their revolving doors that bring the same clients back again and again. In private business we prosper from the opposite, that is, being successful. There is one treatment program in Anchorage that has a success rate of 2%, and yet they receive grant after grant. We need to change that. I will be getting some first-hand experience with a treatment program very soon. I hope to be able to pass on what I am able to learn and perhaps even provide my input as to what may work even better.

By making MARCH SOBRIETY MONTH, we first of all, are reminded that it is good and sometimes important for many to live a life of sobriety. We remind ourselves and others that there are many choices in life, and for some, sobriety is an excellent choice.

Thank you.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: SCR 22  
 (S) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title Sobriety Awareness Month BRU \_\_\_\_\_  
 Component \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Senate HESS Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requester Senate State Affairs Committee Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
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>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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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 (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<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 (FY2002) cost: 0.0  
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

Prepared by: SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Phone 465-4797  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by: /S/ Senator Therriault, Chair Date 2/6/02  
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