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Date: 10-31-00

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Abney, Fairclough, Meyer, Sullivan, Von Gemmingen, Tesche
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For reading: **OCTOBER 31, 2000**

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2000- 313

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OPPOSING BALLOT
MEASURE NO. 5, INITIATIVE NO.: 99HEMP, WHICH WOULD LEGALIZE THE USES OF HEMP,
INCLUDING MARIJUANA**

WHEREAS, the purpose of Ballot Measure No. 5 is to legalize all aspects of marijuana cultivation, possession, use (not only medicinal use), and distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage recognizes the negative impacts on our community with the passage of Ballot Measure No. 5, specifically:

Marijuana use would be legal for 18-year olds in high school, even though Alaskans are not allowed to purchase cigarettes until they are 19, nor are Alaskans able to purchase alcohol until age 21;

Because marijuana is an intoxicant, passage of the measure would threaten public safety by allowing more people to be driving under the influence;

The measure would prohibit testing for marijuana for employment or insurance, even though these drug tests are currently used to determine impairment of workers, drivers or anyone suspected of being under the influence;

The measure would grant amnesty to persons convicted in the past of marijuana crimes and mandate destruction of all criminal records related to marijuana convictions;

~~require establishment of a panel to address the issue of~~
The measure would ~~use tax dollars to pay~~ restitution to persons for their prior marijuana-related convictions and civil forfeitures;

The measure would require the Legislature, the Governor, and the Attorney General to challenge federal marijuana prohibitions in conflict with this proposition, which will put the State in opposition of the Federal Government, at a substantial cost to Alaskan taxpayers; additionally, this law would conflict with federal law if the State began to regulate marijuana sales as it does alcohol, and federal law likely would prevail;

Alaska businesses could be disqualified from competition for federal contracts requiring drug-free standards, which would adversely affect our economy; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Alaskan voters passed an initiative that made marijuana illegal; and

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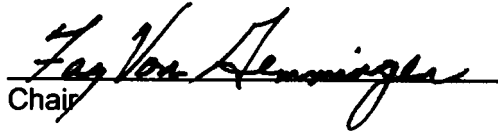
4 WHEREAS, on October 9, 2000, the Wasilla City Council passed a similar resolution
5 opposing Ballot Measure No. 5.
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7 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:
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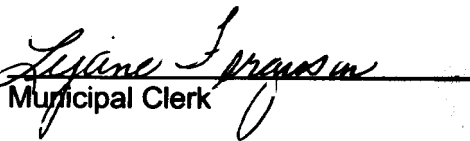
9 That the Assembly opposes Ballot Measure No. 5, Initiative No.: 99HEMP, which would
10 legalize the uses of hemp, including marijuana.
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12 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 31st day of October,
13 2000.
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ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

Municipality of Anchorage
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE
AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET

AR 2000-313

1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT		DATE PREPARED <i>10/25/00</i>
	<i>Resolution opposing Ballot Measure No. 5</i>		INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED <i>AR</i>
2	DEPARTMENT NAME <i>Assembly</i>	DIRECTOR'S NAME	
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY		HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS	DATE
	Mayor		
	Municipal Clerk		
	Municipal Attorney		
	Employee Relations Director		
	Municipal Manager		
	Finance		
	Community Development and Planning		
	Property and Facility Management		
	Management Information Systems		
	Office of Management and Budget		
	Purchasing		
	Operations Manager		
	Cultural and Recreational Services		
	Fire		
	Health and Human Services		
	Police		
	Public Works		
	Transit		
	Merrill Field (Airport)		
	Municipal Light and Power		
	Anchorage Water and Wastewater		
	Port		
	Solid Waste Services		
5	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS		
	<i>For Action 7.C.5.</i>		
6	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE <i>10-31-00</i>	7	PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED <i>—</i>

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