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**CLERK'S OFFICE**

**APPROVED**

Date: 4-17-01

Submitted by Chair of the Assembly  
At the Request of the Mayor  
Prepared by Department of Health & Human Services  
For Reading APRIL 17, 2001

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2001-114

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ENDORSING AND  
SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF STATE LEGISLATION RELATING TO HEALTH CARE  
COVERAGE FOR PERSONS DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST OR CERVICAL CANCER.**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 38 and House Bill 65 have been introduced in the Alaska Legislature which allows Alaska to opt into a federal-state expanded Medicaid coverage plan to treat uninsured women who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the Centers for Disease Control's Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program; and

WHEREAS, since the Breast & Cervical Cancer Detection Program began in 1995, 277 cases of breast and cervical cancer have been detected through the Program; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 Alaskan women had a 119.4 rate per 100,000 population age-adjusted to 1970 U.S. population for breast cancer and 8.8 rate for cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 Anchorage women had 138 cases of breast cancer and 8 cases of cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health & Human Service's Reproductive Health Clinic provided over 2,000 breast and cervical cancer screenings in the year 2000 with 30 women having biopsy proven cancerous changes and six requiring treatment that was delayed up to a year due to a lack in financial resources; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has sponsored mammography screening at various municipal sites on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Women's Commission at their April 10, 2001 meeting passed and approved a resolution urging the Mayor and Assembly to fully support SB38 and HB65.

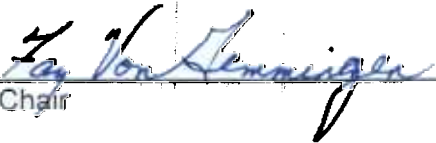
NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves

**Section 1.** That the Assembly endorses and recommends passage of Senate Bill 38 and House Bill 65



**Section 2.** That, upon passage and approval, the Municipal Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the State Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Assembly this 17th day of April, 2001

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Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk  




# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 367-2001

Meeting Date: APRIL 17, 2001

From: Mayor

Subject: Endorsement of Senate Bill 38 and House Bill 65 Relating to Health Care Coverage for Persons Diagnosed with Breast or Cervical Cancer

Breast cancer is the most common invasive cancer for Alaskan women. Early detection increases the treatment options and the survival rates. Localized breast cancer has a 97% survival rate; if the cancer has spread regionally, the rate is 76% and if the cancer has metastasized the rate drops to 21%.

Cervical cancer rates have declined steadily since the Pap smear test became available. When detected at an early stage even invasive cervical cancer is one of the most successfully treatable cancers with a 91% survival rate.

Currently the federal government pays for screening and diagnosis for low-income and uninsured women through the Center's for Disease Control's Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. However, once cancer is diagnosed, there is no mechanism for providing treatment. Senate Bill 38 and House Bill 65 support the option to accept federal funds to expand Medicaid coverage for treatment for low-income women with no other coverage.

The attached resolution is being submitted to demonstrate support for this legislation and to urge the Alaska State Legislature to pass SB38 and HB65.

### RECOMMENDATION:

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION BE APPROVED DEMONSTRATING SUPPORT FOR PASSAGE OF SB38 AND HB65.

Concurrence:

  
Harry J. Cieling, Jr.  
Municipal Manager

Prepared by:

  
Jewel Jones, Director  
Department of Health & Human Services

Respectfully submitted

  
George P. Wuerch  
Mayor



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Mayor

# Municipality of Anchorage

## ANCHORAGE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, the Anchorage Women's Commission exists to advise the Mayor and Assembly on matters pertaining to the status of women and is particularly concerned with improving opportunities for women in the community including recommendations on legislative and administrative action pertaining to women's issues; and

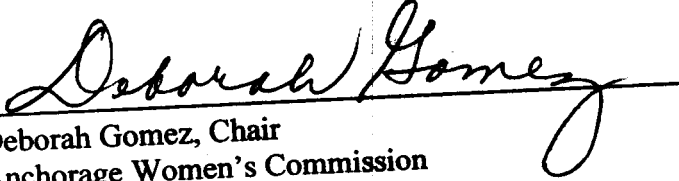
WHEREAS, the federal government has expanded Medicaid coverage for cancer treatment to women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the Centers for Disease Control's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCEDP); and

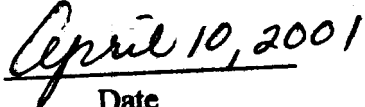
WHEREAS, Governor Tony Knowles introduced legislation (SB38 and HB65), which allows Alaska to opt into a federal-state insurance program (Medicaid), to gain federal dollars to treat uninsured women who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer diagnosed by the Center for Disease Control's screening program; and

WHEREAS, the state's share of the cost is approximately \$175,000, based on the current Alaskan population; and

WHEREAS, early detection and treatment is curative, thereby maintaining the quality of life for the individual, the family, and the community as a whole;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Anchorage Women's Commission strongly recommends the Mayor and Assembly fully support SB38 and HB65, an Act relating to a new optional group of persons eligible for medical assistance who require treatment for breast or cervical cancer.

  
Deborah Gomez, Chair  
Anchorage Women's Commission

  
Date

**SENATE BILL NO. 38**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR**

Introduced: 1/16/01

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

"An Act relating to a new optional group of persons eligible for medical assistance who

2 require treatment for breast or cervical cancer; and providing for an effective date."

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

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5 (15) persons who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer

6 and who are eligible for coverage under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII).

7 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

**HOUSE BILL NO. 65**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**  
**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR**

Introduced: 1/16/01  
Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

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**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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	<b>Endorsement of Senate Bill 38 and House Bill 65 Relating to Health Care Coverage for Persons Diagnosed with Breast or Cervical Cancer</b>	<b>4/11/01</b>
		Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM
<b>2</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT NAME</b>	<b>DIRECTOR'S NAME</b>
	Health & Human Services	Jewel Jones
<b>3</b>	<b>THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY</b>	<b>HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER</b>
	Beverly K. Wooley	6300
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	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Solid Waste Services	
	Water & Wastewater Utility	
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	Cultural & Recreational Services	
	Employee Relations	
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Fire	
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	Office of Management and Budget	
	Management Information Services	
	Police	
	Planning, Development & Public Works	
	Development Services	
	Facility Management	
	Planning	
	Project Management & Engineering	
	Street Maintenance	
	Traffic	
	Public Transportation Department	
	Purchasing	
<b>2</b>	<b>Municipal Attorney</b>	<i>4-11-01</i>
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	<b>Other</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Special Instructions/Comments</b>	
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<b>6</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED</b>	<b>7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED</b>
	<i>4/17/01</i>	<i>—</i>

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