

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2003-146

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army Clitheroe Center is the largest treatment center in Alaska and has provided a continuum of substance abuse treatment services in Anchorage for twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army Clitheroe Center's Detoxification Unit provides life-sustaining services by detoxifying from alcohol and drugs approximately 1,000 low-income and/or indigent residents as well as providing mental health care and detoxification services for suicidal inebriates as part of the city-wide Psychiatric Emergency System; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army Clitheroe Center's Detoxification Unit is in danger of closing due to reduced grant funding since 1993, increased operating expenses and the recent passage of HB 167 and SB 124 which increase the State grant matching fund requirements from 10% to 25%; and

WHEREAS, the cost of alcohol and drug abuse in Alaska is estimated at \$615,000,000 per year in lost productivity, health care costs, child protective services, public safety, accidents, and death; and

WHEREAS, the fifty percent portion of the Alcohol Excise Tax which was intended to reduce the costs of treating alcohol and drug abuse in Alaska, \$15,000,000, has been applied to the State of Alaska General Fund rather than to fund treatment grants; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the Detoxification Unit would result in unnecessary admissions into local hospital emergency rooms already on diversion status due to an increase in admissions, undue strain on public safety and correctional facilities, and an increased likelihood of individuals dying on the streets of Anchorage.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That the Anchorage Assembly supports the continued funding of the Salvation Army Clitheroe Center's Detoxification Unit by allowing a full exemption from the matching increase from 10% to 25% for all treatment services, including the Detoxification Unit.


Section 2: That the Anchorage Assembly urges the State of Alaska and all funding sources to appropriate funds to maintain the Salvation Army Clitheroe Center's Detoxification Unit at full capacity.

Section 3: That the Anchorage Assembly recommends the revenues generated from the Alcohol Excise Tax be appropriated as they were intended, to offset the costs of treatment grants by fifty percent of the annual Alcohol Excise Tax revenues.

Section 4: That copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Governor and to the Alaska State Legislature immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 13th day of

May, 2003.


Chair

ATTEST:

Priscilla L. Lewis
Municipal Clerk

Municipal Clerk

Municipality of Anchorage
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