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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OPPOSING  
PASSAGE OF BALLOT PROPOSITION 2 IN THE 2004 STATE-WIDE  
GENERAL ELECTION.**

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WHEREAS, Proposition 2 asks the people of Alaska to remove civil and criminal penalties for the sale, possession, and growth of marijuana by persons over twenty-one years of age; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans currently have the judicial right to possess up to four ounces of marijuana for personal consumption and may use medicinal marijuana, even though such use and possession are against federal law; and

WHEREAS, THC, the psychochemical ingredient in marijuana, totaled less than one percent in 1960, but now averages ten percent in the United States and up to thirty percent in Alaska, making today's marijuana clearly a more potent drug than commonly found in the past; and

WHEREAS, some fifteen percent of Anchorage rape offenders use marijuana as do ten percent of victims, and one in three males arrested in Anchorage in 2003 tested positive for marijuana as did twenty-seven percent of females; and

WHEREAS, Alaska ranked in the top ten states for recent use of marijuana in young people 12 to 17 and 18 to 25 during 2000 and 2001. Also, the number of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who say they used marijuana doubled from one in ten to one in five between 1991 and 2001 and one fourth of all Alaska students reported in 2003 they had used marijuana at least once in the last 30 days; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown a strong correlation between marijuana use and educational performance including a study by the National Drug and Alcohol Research Center which showed lower grade point averages, less satisfaction with school, negative attitudes toward school, and increased absenteeism among marijuana users; and

WHEREAS, marijuana possession or use currently results in expulsion from the Anchorage School District; and

WHEREAS, the amount of tar inhaled by marijuana smokers and the level of carbon monoxide absorbed by those who smoke marijuana, regardless of the THC content, are three to five times greater than among tobacco smokers.

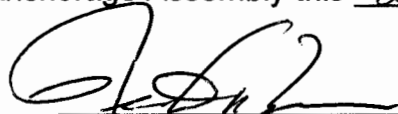
1 Marijuana use is also associated with numerous detrimental health effects  
2 including frequent respiratory infections, impaired memory and learning,  
3 increased heart rate, anxiety, and panic attacks; and  
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5 WHEREAS, marijuana affects many of the skills required for safe driving  
6 such as alertness, concentration, perception, coordination, and reaction time;  
7 and a National Highway Safety Administration study found that a moderate dose  
8 of marijuana can impair driving performance and that a low dose of marijuana,  
9 when combined with alcohol, can have a greater effect than either drug alone.

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11 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that:

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13 **THE ASSEMBLY OPPOSES PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 2 AND URGES**  
14 **CITIZENS TO OPPOSE THIS PROPOSITION**

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16 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 26<sup>th</sup> day  
17 of October, 2004.

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21 Chair

22 ATTEST:

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26 Municipal Clerk

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