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Committee Chair  
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY  
REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA SHOULD FUND THE CENTER  
FOR DRUG PROBLEMS IN FY10 AT A LEVEL THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM  
TO CLEAR THEIR WAITING LIST**

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WHEREAS, there has been a marked increase in heroin seizures in Anchorage since 2005, growing from 11 seizures in 2005, to 34 in 2006, to 52 in 2007, to 69 in the first six months of 2008; and

WHEREAS, the use of heroin and the accompanying threats to public safety that it brings along with it are a burden on law enforcement officials in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, people who are addicted to heroin are more likely to commit crimes such as theft and assault, and are often in a desperate state that makes them a danger to themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, there are few options for those people who are addicted to heroin and want treatment to break their addiction; and

WHEREAS, the Narcotic Drug Treatment Center's Center for Drug Problems is the only clinic in Anchorage that provides Methadone treatment, which is the gold standard for the treatment of opiate addiction; and

WHEREAS, the CDP is providing treatment to 77 Alaskans, and 18 of the 48 of those admitted to treatment from July 2007 to May 2008 were pregnant; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 43 patients on the CDP waiting list; and

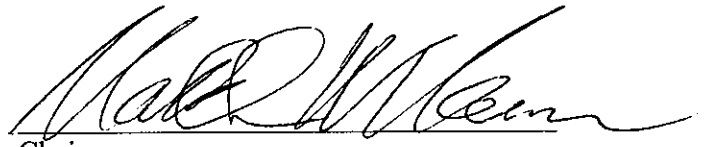
WHEREAS, while the State of Alaska funded the CDP at \$834,680 for FY09, it would take just an additional \$100,000 in FY10 to clear the waiting list;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT:


1. the Anchorage Assembly believes that in the interest of public safety and the health and well-being of Anchorage residents, firm steps should be taken to address the rise in heroin use; and be it

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2 2. that the State of Alaska should fund the Center for Drug Problems in FY10 at a  
3 level that would allow them to clear their waiting list.  
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6 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 24 day of  
7 December, 2008.  
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