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6 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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8 RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 13
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10 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 182, AN ACT RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE
11 TO PURCHASE, SELL, EXCHANGE, OR POSSESS TOBACCO, A PRODUCT CONTAINING
12 NICOTINE, OR AN ELECTRONIC SMOKING PRODUCT; RELATING TO THE TAXATION
13 OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING PRODUCTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
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15 WHEREAS, In December 2019, Congress passed and the President signed
16 into law a provision raising the age of sale and possession for all tobacco, nicotine and
17 electronic smoking products to age 21, with no exceptions; and
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19 WHEREAS, Passage of Senate Bill 182 will align state law with federal law
20 and will allow Alaska's underage sales enforcement program to be more effective in
21 preventing and reducing youth smoking; and
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23 WHEREAS, In recent years, the use of E-cigarettes has increased among
24 high school students and, according to the Truth Initiative, teens who use E-cigarettes
25 are four times more likely to start smoking cigarettes; and
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27 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 182 proposes to tax electronic smoking products the
28 same at other tobacco products in Alaska, at a rate of 75% of the wholesale price; and
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30 WHEREAS, Taxing tobacco is proven to reduce tobacco use resulting in
31 fewer life-long smokers and reduced healthcare costs; and
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33 WHEREAS, Extending existing state record keeping requirements for
34 licensed businesses selling tobacco products to sales and product information on
35 electronic smoking products makes implementation of a tax at the local level easier if one
36 is desired; and
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38 WHEREAS, The proposed bill provides for a state-municipal partnership to
39 jointly audit those liable for taxes on electronic smoking products.
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41 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
42 North Star Borough supports the passage of Senate Bill 182 as a means to combat the
43 rising use of tobacco and electronic smoking products; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Alaska Interior Delegation.

ADOPTED THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2020.



Christopher Quist
Deputy Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Lyke, Cash, Tomaszewski, Sanford, Quist
Noes: O'Neill, Lojewski
Other: Williams (Excused), Cooper (Excused)