

RESOLUTION NO. 4722

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 8 AN ACT RELATING TO
THE REGULATION AND PRODUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP**

WHEREAS, Alaska State Senator Johnny Ellis has introduced SB 8, An Act relating to the regulation and production of industrial hemp, known as the Alaska Grown Industrial Hemp Act; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Senator Ellis' sponsor statement is attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, industrial hemp should not be confused with marijuana or varieties of the Cannabis plant that have high levels of THC (delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol); industrial hemp refers to varieties of the Cannabis plant that have a low level of THC; and


WHEREAS, due to hemp's illegal status, little research has been done on the viability of hemp crops in Alaska, but British Columbia, Ontario and Manitoba have thriving commercial hemp operations, and Canadian studies offer promise for the production of hemp in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the United States currently imports around \$2 billion in hemp products annually from Canada and China; and

WHEREAS, given the state of Alaska's economy and the need to diversify it, Alaska should be at the forefront of this potential new industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council urges the Alaska State Legislature to pass Senate Bill 8, the Alaska Grown Industrial Hemp Act.

PASSED and APPROVED this 7th Day of March 2016.

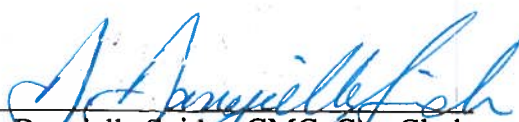


John Eberhart, Mayor

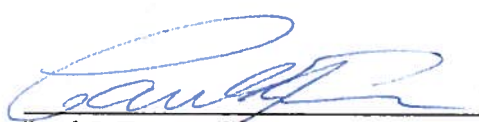
AYES: Cleworth, Pruhs, Walley, Huntington, Matherly, Gatewood
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: March 7, 2016

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyelle Snider, CMC, City Clerk



Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney