Introduced by: Council Member Hilling

Date: February 10, 2014

## **RESOLUTION NO. 4613, AS AMENDED**

## A RESOLUTION PLEADING WITH THE ALASKA GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO RESTORE THE RIGHTS OF SUFFERERS TO OBTAIN MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED MARIJUANA WITHOUT PREJUDICE

WHEREAS, all patients have the right to medicines of their or their guardian's choice: and

WHEREAS, marijuana has been proven unequivocally to ease pain and suffering arising from a multitude of illnesses and diseases; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska has explicitly acknowledged this right per Alaska's medical marijuana act, codified at AS 17.37.010-070; and

WHEREAS, state law nevertheless makes little provision either for manufacture or for distribution of any such medicine, but rather makes it a felony to do so, per AS 11.71.040(a)(3) and (a)(5); and

WHEREAS, therefore, patients often or usually are effectively encouraged or compelled to commit felonies to provide or acquire such a prescribed medicine; and

WHEREAS, multitudinous pleas to the Alaska State Government to redress this inconsistency have had no statutory effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, that Governor Parnell and the Alaska State Legislature take up this matter with urgency, by having legislation passed which restores the liberty of adults to obtain or to manufacture or to distribute, appropriately medically recommended marijuana.

PASSED and APPROVED this 24th day of February 2014.

John Eberhart, Mayor

AYES:

Hilling, Anderson, Walley, Matherly

NAYS:

Staley, Gatewood

**ABSENT** 

None

APPROVED:

February 24, 2014

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

ney Hovenden, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney