

Requested by: Mayor Keller
Prepared by: Deputy Clerk
Adopted: August 25, 2003
Vote: Unanimous; Lowe absent

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 03-27**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 9, 2003 AS INTERNATIONAL FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME (FAS) AWARENESS DAY.

WHEREAS, healthy children are the most important resource in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) is the leading cause of mental retardation in Alaska, the United States, and all of western civilization and is 100 percent preventable; and

WHEREAS, within Alaska 1.4 births per 1,000 live births are born with FAS; and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) are a major cause of numerous social disorders including learning disabilities, school failure, juvenile delinquency, homelessness, unemployment, mental illness and crimes; and

WHEREAS, researchers estimate that the annual cost to Alaskans in health care and social services related to FAS is between \$21 and \$42 million.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wasilla City Council that we recognize September 9, 2003 as International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on September 9, 2003 people around the world will be observing the fourth International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day, in order that on the ninth day, of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on August 25, 2003.

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, CMC
City Clerk



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

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