

**JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 06-01(AM)
OF THE
CITIES OF HOUSTON, PALMER, AND WASILLA**

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, CITY OF PALMER, AND THE CITY OF WASILLA SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF STATE FUNDING FOR THE MAT-SU BOROUGH NARCOTICS AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT TEAM, ENDORSING THE ISSUANCE OF FELONY AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CHARGES AGAINST THOSE WHO PLACE MINORS IN THE PRESENCE OF METH AND ITS MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES, AND RECOMMENDING PRESUMPTIVE, CONSECUTIVE SENTENCING FOR ANY ADULT OFFENDER FOUND GUILTY OF THE MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION, AND/OR THE USAGE OF THE DRUG METHAMPHETAMINE, ALSO KNOWN AS "METH."

WHEREAS, It is documented that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has an extremely disproportionate high number of Methamphetamine manufacturing labs in relation to the population of the Mat-Su Borough; and

WHEREAS, the process of manufacturing Methamphetamine creates toxic fumes and materials that pose a threat to the lives of all who come in contact with these by-products, including any children present, and also adheres to the surfaces of the "lab" causing extensive modification or the destruction of the entire edifice upon discovery; and

WHEREAS, those who manufacture Methamphetamine also distribute this drug without regard of the age of the user, including minors; and

WHEREAS, those who use Methamphetamine become nearly instantaneously addicted psychologically and employ illegal means to obtain the funds to satisfy an overwhelming need for additional use; and

WHEREAS, The Mat-Su Borough Narcotics and Drug Enforcement Team, comprised of an Alaska State Trooper and one Police Officer each from the Cities of Palmer and Wasilla, has made significant progress in locating Methamphetamine labs and arresting those responsible; and

WHEREAS, funding for these Officers from the Federal Byrne Grant received each year by the Mat-Su Borough Narcotics and Drug Enforcement Team, has been all but eliminated; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, through the efforts of Senator Lyda Green; the Governor's Office allocated \$70,000 each to the Cities of Wasilla and Palmer to ensure funding of the Mat-Su Borough Narcotics and Drug Enforcement Team; and

WHEREAS, following arrest, and conviction, for the manufacture, distribution, and use, of the drug Methamphetamine, the justice system currently allows these convicted felons to serve multiple felony convictions concurrently rather than consecutively.

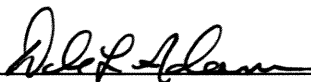
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cities of Houston, Palmer, and Wasilla support and endorse the continuation of adequate State funding to continue the efforts of the Mat-Su Borough Narcotics and Drug Enforcement Team, including the addition of a designated Police Officer from the City of Houston, to further reduce the prevalence of the manufacturing, distribution, and use of the drug Methamphetamine in the Mat-Su Borough, thereby reducing the loss of life, quality of life, and the theft or destruction of property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cities of Houston, Palmer, and Wasilla support and endorse, that should minors be found to be in the presence of, or cause shows they have been in the presence of, the manufacturing of Methamphetamine, that the arresting charges also include felony aggravated assault to those minors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cities of Houston, Palmer, and Wasilla support that sentencing for Methamphetamine related crimes be adjudicated to be served consecutively, rather than concurrently; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cities of Houston, Palmer and Wasilla recommend to upgrade distribution of delivery to a Class "A" felony with a presumptive sentence of five years for Methamphetamine related crimes.

ADOPTED jointly by the City of Houston, City of Palmer, and City of Wasilla on this 16th day of February 2006.




Dale Adams, Mayor
City of Houston

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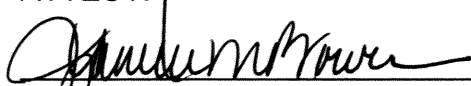


Daleann Pond, City Clerk
City of Houston

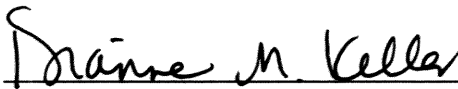


John C. Combs, Mayor
City of Palmer

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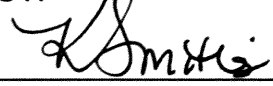


Jarrette M. Bower, City Clerk
City of Palmer



Dianne M. Keller, Mayor
City of Wasilla

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Kristie Smithers, MMC, City Clerk
City of Wasilla