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Resolution No. 2014-1 of the Aviation Advisory Board

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNOR'S AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD RECOGNIZING THE SERIOUS, GROWING PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL DRUGS COMING INTO RURAL ALASKA COMMUNITIES, RESOLVING TO WORK WITH ALL PARTNERS TO BREAK THE FLOW OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO INCREASE EFFORTS TO STOP DRUG TRAFFICKING.

WHEREAS, 82% of Alaska's communities are inaccessible by the highway system, the local airport provides the only practical year-round access to transportation and essential services for many of these locations; and

WHEREAS, the illegal transport, distribution, and use of controlled substances have begun to plague many rural communities throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, some of the drugs on the rise and becoming increasingly common in many communities throughout rural Alaska are black tar heroin, methamphetamine, and illegal prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, community efforts are beginning to take root to combat drug trafficking.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governor's Aviation Advisory Board recognizes there is a growing problem of trafficking and abuse of illegal drugs in rural Alaska communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governor's Aviation Advisory Board resolves to work with willing partners, including air carriers, ocean transport companies, the US Coast Guard, local and state police, municipalities, village councils and tribes, to fight the growing problem of illegal drugs in rural Alaska communities.

Signed:

Lee M. Ryan, Aviation Advisory Board Chair

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