

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION #2024-05**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB121/HB226: PROTECTING PATIENT FREEDOM OF PHARMACY CHOICE AND ACCESS TO MEDICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough, a small community in southeast Alaska with an independent pharmacy and hospital which are important to the well-being of local residents; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 121 (SB121) and House Bill 226 (HB226) aim to protect patient freedom of pharmacy choice, guarantee access to necessary medications within local communities, and ensure patients receive safe and timely access to clinician-administered medications, thereby preventing negative health consequences resulting from delays in care; and

WHEREAS, SB121/HB226 serve to mitigate potential barriers to care, particularly in rural and underserved areas, by ensuring that patients have convenient access to the medications and services they require for optimal health outcomes;

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough supports the need for transparency in the control of costs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Petersburg Borough is in full support for Senate Bill 121 and House Bill 226, recognizing their significant contributions to protecting patient freedom of pharmacy choice, enhancing access to essential medications, and promoting timely access to clinician-administered treatments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Petersburg Borough Assembly urges legislators and policymakers to prioritize the passage and implementation of SB121/HB226 to uphold the fundamental rights of patients, safeguard public health, and ensure equitable access to quality healthcare services throughout the state of Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on April 1, 2024.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Regula, Deputy Borough Clerk