

Turnagain Community Council Resolution
No. 2019-01

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AO NO. 2019-15 —
AN ORDINANCE BY THE ASSEMBLY TO AMEND ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL
CODE TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN COMSUMER PRODUCTS CONTAINING FLAME
RETARDANT HARMFUL TO HUMAN HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) is an all-volunteer, self-governing neighborhood organization recognized in the Municipality of Anchorage Charter; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of community councils is to provide direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified harmful toxic flame retardants in the bodies of more than 90% of Americans; an

WHEREAS, certain flame retardant chemicals are added to many consumer products, including children's products, toys and furniture; and

WHEREAS, research has found infants, children, pregnant women, firefighters, indigenous communities, and people with compromised immune systems and chemical sensitivities are especially vulnerable to toxic flame retardant chemical exposures and effects; and

WHEREAS, firefighters are at particular risk from exposure to flame retardant chemicals, with numerous studies documenting increased cancer rates and deaths amongst firefighters due to occupational exposures; and

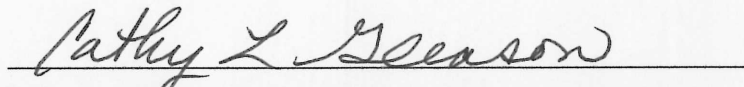
WHEREAS, the known adverse health effects of these chemicals to consumers include: reproductive impairment; neurological impacts; endocrine disruption and interference with thyroid hormone action; genotoxicity; cancer; and immune disorders; and

WHEREAS, numerous local governments are taking leadership in protecting their residents by passing legislation to phase out the use of toxic flame retardants in consumer products where better alternatives exist; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has demonstrated its commitment to defending young children against harmful neurotoxic chemicals through the Healthy Babies Bright Futures "Bright City" program and through the Children's Environmental Health proclamation of 2016 and 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Turnagain Community Council supports AO No. 2019-15, an amendment to Anchorage Municipal Code that would prohibit certain consumer products containing flame retardant chemicals harmful to human health and development.

RESOLUTION PASSED by the Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled meeting this 7th day of February, 2019, by a vote of YES 15 No 0.



Cathy L. Gleason, Turnagain Community Council President