



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #7

CPR In Alaskan Schools

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

- 1. Whereas**, 37 states have CPR certification as a requirement of graduation;
- 2. Whereas**, more than 350,000 people a year experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital, and despite enormous advances in resuscitation science only 12% survive, on average;
- 3. Whereas**, CPR provided immediately after cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim's chance of survival;
- 4. Whereas**, the American Heart Association estimates 100,000-200,000 lives could be saved annually if more people performed CPR;
- 5. Whereas**, CPR training can help save people from not only drowning, but also severe allergic reactions, overdosing, suffocating, choking, and cardiac arrests;
- 6. Whereas**, 2012 statistics have shown that around 80% percent of cardiac arrests happen in homes and public areas;
- 7. Whereas**, 2018 statistics show that 88% of cardiac arrests happen in homes;
- 8. Whereas**, approximately 32% of cardiac arrest victims receive CPR immediately from bystanders;

9. Whereas, in 2018, only 54% of Americans know CPR, and only 1 out of 6 know the correct methods;

10. Whereas, in 2010, Alaska was the most sparsely populated state in the country with only 1.2 people per square mile;

11. Whereas, the cost to obtain CPR certification can vary from \$24.95 to \$59.95, depending on the specific certification;

12. Whereas, CPR certification courses takes, on average, 3 hours to complete;

13. Whereas, a student could complete the course to meet their graduation requirement without officially purchasing the certification;

14. Whereas, CPR certification, or training, does not necessarily have to be up to date by graduation, but must be acquired within a student's high school career;

15. Whereas, there is an online option for the course on the American Red Cross website;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports that Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training through the American Heart Association or the Red Cross will be required to graduate from an Alaskan high school starting for the class of 2022.

- Districts with 60 or fewer students can apply to the State be exempt from the requirement of CPR training in order to allow students in that district to graduate without the necessary CPR certifications due to lack of resources.

Action Statement: if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, will be sent to the following:

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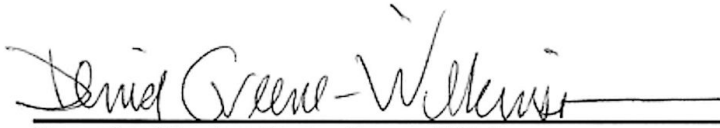
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