



**Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution # 9
Kodiak High School Jazz Band
Submitted by: Kodiak High School Leadership Class
April 26, 2018**

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

- 1. Whereas:** KHS administration has revoked that ability for KHS Jazz Band to play at community events where adult beverages are being served;
- 2. Whereas:** Students in Kodiak's Jazz Band are better prepared to enter the professional music world due to their experience in this high quality program;
- 3. Whereas:** Students in KHS Jazz Band have achieved first place 3 times and runner up 4 times in state competitions (1);
- 4. Whereas:** At least \$20,000 is needed to sustain the KHS Jazz Band program;
- 5. Whereas:** Community performances are unique, in demand, and appreciated by the community;
- 6. Whereas:** Performances are counted as 30% of a student's total grade in the class;
- 7. Whereas:** Community performances have been established and expected from many community organizations (e.g. St. Mary's Catholic School, Elks Club, Lions Club, United States Coast Guard, etc.), as KHS Jazz band has been playing for community organizations for more than a decade;
- 8. Whereas:** Community performances cultivate a professional reputation and positive relationship between the KHS Jazz Band and our community;
- 9. Whereas:** In the past 10 years, the Jazz band has spent approximately 3,200 hours performing for community organizations without any adverse incidents (1);
- 10. Whereas:** Generally, the organizations who hire the KHS Jazz Band agree to not serve alcohol until all students leave the venue;
- 11. Whereas:** When students travel for sports and activities, they are not expressly prohibited from dining in establishments where adult beverages are present;

- 12. Whereas:** Research does not indicate that a minor who observes adults consuming alcohol leads to ideation of consumption of alcohol by minors (2);
- 13. Whereas:** If necessary, students and their parent/guardian would sign a form each semester acknowledging that the KHS Jazz Band would be performing where alcohol may be present; students could opt out without penalty or bias;
- 14. Whereas:** If required by KHS administration, additional chaperones may be requested to supervise students;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports that the Kodiak High School Jazz Band in their continued tradition of community performances.

Action Statement: If passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution will be presented to Kodiak High School administration, Kodiak Island Borough School District Superintendent Larry LeDoux and Kodiak Island Borough School District School Board.

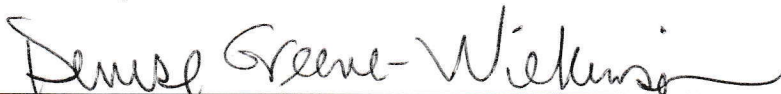
Sources:

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