



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #14

Condom Distribution in Nurse's Office Restroom

Submitted by: Homer High School

Endorsed by: Homer High School Nurse Staff

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments:

1. **Whereas**, Homer High School(HSS) promotes the values of Respect, Responsibility, and Excellence;
2. **Whereas**, it is consistent with the values of HHS to provide opportunities for all students to be responsible and safe in their sexuality;
3. **Whereas**, HHS recognizes that abstinence is the only 100% effective measure against STIs and teen pregnancy;
4. **Whereas**, the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that an overall of 37% of High School students in Alaska have had sexual intercourse;¹
5. **Whereas**, only 57% of Alaska high school students used a condom during their last sexual intercourse, the lowest percentage on record (2007-2017)¹;
6. **Whereas**, school-based condom access programs do not increase sexual activity but do positively influence sexual behavior, as found by a 2017 study compiling nine other studies published in the scientific journal *AIDS and Behavior*;²
7. **Whereas**, responsible sexual behavior is more likely when access to information, condoms, and other STI prevention tools are readily available;

8. **Whereas**, supporting free condom distribution in HHS not only provides opportunities for safer sexual practices, but will likely, reduce the rates of STIs and teen pregnancies found among HHS students;
9. **Whereas**, adolescents face many obstacles to obtain condoms, including confidentiality, cost, access, and embarrassment;
10. **Whereas**, according to the State of Alaska’s Department of Health and Social Services, Chlamydia Trachomatis (CT) is the most commonly reported sexually transmitted bacterium in the U.S. and in Alaska;³
11. **Whereas**, according to the CDC’s 2019 report, Alaska has the highest STI rate in the US, with the highest rate of CT and second highest of gonorrhea;⁴
12. **Whereas**, the CDC has stated that since 2017, Alaska has been experiencing a gonorrhea outbreak;⁴
13. **Whereas**, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) advises easy condom access as an effective way to keep teens safe;⁵
14. **Whereas**, having free condoms available in HHS during all school hours would promote safe practices consistent with students’ personal choices and values, thus promoting respect, responsibility and integrity in all relationships;
15. **Whereas**, the HHS nursing staff has offered to coordinate the sourcing the condoms,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports free condoms be made available in the Nurse’s office restroom of the HHS campus.

Action Statement: If passed by the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Government, this resolution will be presented to the Homer High School Site Council.

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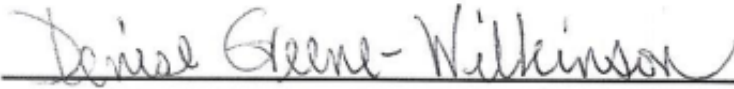
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Passed unanimously by the 2019 Fall Conference GA at Palmer High School

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AASG Vice President, Forrest Davis

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AASG Executive Director, Denise Greene-Wilkinson