RESOLUTION NO. 4711

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING RE-APPOINTMENT OF BRANDON EMMETT TO THE MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD

WHEREAS, Ballot Initiative 2 approved commercial business operations for marijuana, with retail sales set to begin on May 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Marijuana Control Board (MCB) was established under AS 17.38.080, consisting of five voting members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, MCB members serve staggered three-year terms; the terms of the five original members were determined by lot, with the terms of two members set to expire in February; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Emmett, from Fairbanks, was appointed by Governor Walker as an original member of the MCB, and he is the only member of the MCB from Interior Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Emmett's position on the Board is up for re-appointment; and

WHEREAS, this new, emerging industry is still in its infant stages with new regulations and operating policies being adopted by the MCB; and

WHEREAS, it would be best to have consistent input on policy and operational matters during the first years of the industry; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Emmett is uniquely qualified with a degree in Applied Sciences from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. He will be graduating within the year with a double major in Biology and Chemistry, and he is a paramedic and paramedic trainer. All of these qualifications serve the MCB well on issues associated with this industry; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Emmett has studied the industry and has been influential in drafting the MCB's initial rules and regulations for the marijuana industry; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Emmett has provided members of the Fairbanks City Council with invaluable insight and knowledge and has helped the City of Fairbanks craft ordinances in regards to property rights, business operations, regulations, and taxation of marijuana products;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fairbanks urges Governor Walker to re-appoint Brandon Emmett to his current position on the Marijuana Control Board.

PASSED and APPROVED this 25th day of January 2016.

John Eberhart, City Mayor

AYES:

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

ADOPTED:

January 25, 2016

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danvielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney