

43 WHEREAS, The City of Homer recognizes the value of investing tax dollars into ports
44 and harbors in Alaska as a good investment that produces far reaching regional benefits to
45 the tax payers; and
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47 WHEREAS, The State of Alaska Municipal Harbors Grant program vets good solid
48 projects though its application process that achieve these regional benefits and help
49 communities maintain this high value harbor infrastructure in perpetuity; and
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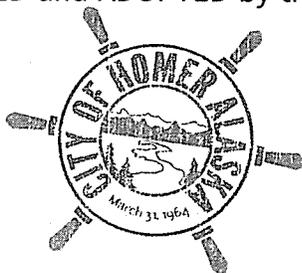
51 WHEREAS, The municipalities of the City of Aleknagik, the Municipality of Anchorage,
52 the City and Borough of Juneau, the City of Kodiak, the City and Borough of Sitka, the
53 Municipality of Skagway, the City of Valdez, the City and Borough of Wrangell, and the City of
54 Whittier have offered to contribute \$20,648,514 in local match funding for FY2017 towards
55 nine harbor projects of significant importance locally as required in the Harbor Facility Grant
56 Program; and
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58 WHEREAS, Completion of these harbor facility projects is all dependent on the 50%
59 match from the State of Alaska's Harbor Facility Grant Program; and
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61 WHEREAS, During the last ten years' the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program has
62 only been fully funded twice, creating a backlog of projects necessary to repair and replace
63 these former State-owned harbors in excess of \$100,000,000.
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65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, by this
66 Resolution, urges full funding in the amount of \$20,648,514 by the Governor and the Alaska
67 Legislature for the State of Alaska's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2017
68 State Capital Budget in order to ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among
69 Alaskan coastal communities.
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71 PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska this 11th day of January,
72 2016.
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CITY OF HOMER

Mary E. Wythe
MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

79 ATTEST:

80 *Jo Johnson*
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82 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK
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