

Introduced by:
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CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 89-22

Removed from agenda

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 201 RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY AND DESIGNATING SEWARD AS THE CHOICE NAVY HOMEPORT.

WHEREAS, Kodiak and Seward have been picked by the U.S. Navy as sites with the most potential in terms of operational feasibility for basing vessels in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the Navy has also suggested that the next step is to begin joint work to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to examine the environmental impacts associated with siting two frigates, as well as a compliment of approximately 400 men requiring 120 military shore based personnel, and

WHEREAS, the state has consistently expressed a strong interest to make Navy homeporting in Alaska a reality, assuming the state achieves a reasonable economic return from the use of public funds or other resources, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 201 in the legislature of the State of Alaska, is an act making a \$750,000 special appropriation to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for an Environmental Impact Statement concerning home ports for Navy ships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Homer that Senate Bill No. 201, appropriating \$750,000 general fund monies for the completion of the necessary Environmental Impact Statement associated with homeporting Navy ships in Alaska be passed as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Homer City Council supports Seward as the choice homeport for Navy ships, in that Seward enjoys rail and highway access with Anchorage and other tourist destinations on the peninsula, as well as the necessary space for constructing support facilities and protected deep water.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to send copies of this resolution of support to Governor Steve Cowper, Senator Paul Fischer, Representative C.E. Swackhammer and Mike Navarre, Commissioner Mark Hickey, the City of Seward and the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District, Inc. urging their support.

DATED at Homer, Alaska this 13th day of March, 1989.

CITY OF HOMER

JOHN P. CALHOUN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATTI J. WHALIN
CITY CLERK