

CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION**

**CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK**

February 7 - 14, 2014

WHEREAS, Congenital heart defects are the most frequently occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Over a million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, Every year, 40,000 babies are born in the United States with congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, Some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

WHEREAS, Undiagnosed congenital heart conditions cause many cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary E. Wythe, Mayor of the City of Homer, do hereby proclaim February 7 – 14, 2014 as:

**CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK**

and encourage families to share experiences and information with the public and the media in order to raise public awareness about Congenital Heart Defects.

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MARY E. WYTHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK