

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor

RESOLUTION 10-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE KENAI PENINSULA FOOD BANK "BUILDING TO NOURISH" CAMPAIGN TO SECURE BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MATCH A RASMUSON FOUNDATION GRANT FOR BUILDING RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES THAT WILL ENHANCE THE FOOD BANK'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE MORE FOOD TO THE INCREASING NUMBERS OF HUNGRY WITHIN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, For 22 years the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank has helped feed the hungry within the Kenai Peninsula Borough because no one deserves to be hungry; and

WHEREAS, The Homer Community Food Pantry is one of 65 member agencies that receive and distribute food from the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank warehouse in Soldotna; and

WHEREAS, Between January and October 2009 the Homer Community Food Pantry obtained 9,500 pounds of food from the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, The Food Bank has had to turn away food donations due to the lack of available on-site cold storage; and

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Food Bank is now processing at least 45% more food than at the time of building construction in 1997; and

WHEREAS, After an in-depth space needs study in December 2008 the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank was awarded a \$395,000 challenge grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to help fund half of the building upgrades including a warehouse addition with new energy efficient cooler/freezer; and

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Food Bank must match the Rasmuson Foundation grant dollar for dollar to pay for the needed building improvements which will make it possible to receive and distribute more food to fight hunger within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, The City Council acknowledges that in these harder economic times hunger is a growing problem and no one deserves to be hungry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Homer, Alaska that the City Council supports the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank's efforts to secure both public and private funding to match the Rasmuson Foundation grant for building renovations and

upgrades that will enhance the Food Bank's efforts to provide more food to the increasing numbers of hungry within the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 11th day of January, 2010.

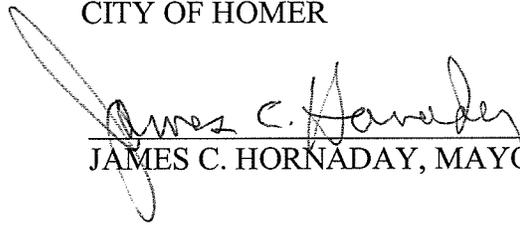


ATTEST:



JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

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JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

Fiscal Note: N/A