CITY OF HOMER HOMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 87-23 (a)

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL URGING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AND PROVISION OF THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE HOMER HIGH SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGE CURRICULUM AND ESTABLISH JAPANESE AS THE OFFICIAL SECONDARY LANGUAGE OF OUR CITY.

WHEREAS, the Governor Cowper has indicated the importance of learning the language of the Pacific Rim Trading Partners, and

WHEREAS, the City of Homer, Alaska and Teshio City, Japan have consummated a Sister City relationship and presently have an active on-going cultural exchange program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Homer, Alaska and Teshio City, Japan share the common goals of promoting international peace, understanding and friendship through the establishment of cultural exchanges and development of economic ties, and

WHEREAS, Homer, Alaska and Teshio City, Japan are both members of the Pacific Rim community and recognize we share matters of mutual geographic and economic interest, and a common destiny of interdependence; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance and necessity of effective communications for the growth of our Sister City commitment and understand that in order to promote and enrich our relationship, it is essential that the citizens of each city learn the national language of the other; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Homer City Council that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District consider the development and provision of the Japanese language as an integral part of the Homer High School foreign language curriculum and establish Japanese as the official secondary language of our City.

DATED at Homer, Alaska this 23rd day of March, 1987.

CITY OF HOMER

John P. Calhoun, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patti J. Whalin, City Clerk