## CITY OF HOMER HOMER, ALASKA

## RESOLUTION 88-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING SENATE BILL 458 REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERPRETERS FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 458 requires the appointment of interpreters for non-english speaking criminal defendants with the cost being born by the municipality which commenced prosecution; and

WHEREAS, there is a large Russian population in our area of which many do not speak functional english; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of Senate 458 as currently written may have a significant adverse impact on the City budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Homer opposes Senate Bill 458 regarding the appointment of interpreters for non-english speaking criminal defendants in that the bill as currently written may have a significant adverse impact on the City budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to send copies of this resolution of opposition to Governor Steve Cowper, Senator Paul Fischer, Senator Jim Duncan, Representative Mike Navarre, Representative C. E. Swackhammer, members of the Senate State Affairs Committee, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee as well as Scott Burgess of AML respectfully urging opposition to the bill as currently written.

DATED at Homer, Alaska this 11th day of April, 1988.

CITY OF HOMER

Calhoun, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patti J. Whalin, City Clerk