

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 88-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL
REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE
TO IMPOSE PENALTIES COMMENSURATE WITH THE
VIOLATION.

WHEREAS, the importation of drugs into the United States is a significant hazard and detriment to the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Customs Service has taken a lead role in interdicting these illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, this interdiction of drugs will rebound to the benefit of the people of Homer, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Hogan has been an established and upstanding resident of Homer, Alaska for the past fourteen (14) years; and

WHEREAS, information has been provided to us documenting that Kevin Hogan has taken a strong, public position against alcohol and other drugs in the fishing industry in which he has been involved; and

WHEREAS, the Council has become aware of the seizure of Kevin Hogan's vessel by the United States Customs Service because a new crew member, with no prior criminal record or known involvement with drugs, was found to possess 1.7 grams of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the United States Customs Service has found that Kevin Hogan had no knowledge of such crew member's use and/or possession; and

WHEREAS, there must be some sense of proportionality between a wrong and the ensuing penalty or basic concepts of justice are violated; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it would be significantly counter-productive to the United States Customs Service interdiction policy for it to forfeit the vessel or impose a substantial penalty upon an owner-captain in the circumstances described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council respectfully requests that our Alaska Delegation investigate this apparent disproportionate penalty; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the United States Customs Service.

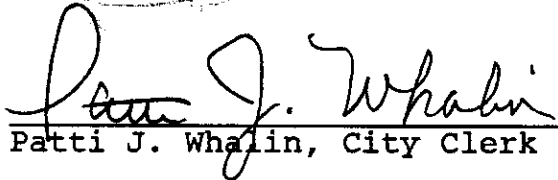
DATED at Homer, Alaska this 23rd day of May, 1988.

CITY OF HOMER




John P. Calhoun, Mayor

ATTEST:


Patti J. Whalin, City Clerk