## CITY OF HOMER HOMER, ALASKA

## RESOLUTION 89-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT AWARD GOING TO THE STATE OF ALASKA, DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND WITHIN KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK.

WHEREAS, Kachemak Bay State Park is recognized as one of the most valuable scenic and accessible recreational areas in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Seldovia Native Association holds ownership of some 23, 000 acres within the boundaries of Kachemak Bay State Park and recently sold the timber rights to the Timber Trading Company; and

WHEREAS, any type of timber harvest within Kachemak Bay State Park boundaries is inconsistent with the purpose of the park and would be incompatible with the thriving tourism industry which depends on the scenic and recreational opportunities of the park; and

WHEREAS, negotiations are underway between the State of Alaska, Seldovia Native Association and Timber Trading Company to return these private inholdings back into public ownership to insure the recreational and scenic values will remain intact for future generations; and

WHEREAS, that the Homer City Council finds that it is in the public interest to protect these lands and insure the acquisition of Seldovia Native Associations land during the ongoing negotiation process and;

WHEREAS, the Homer City Council requests the Land and Water Conservation Grant Program Committee to award \$50,000 in grant money to the Division of Parks and Recreation to Match and appropriations bill of equal value presently before legislature; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL that the Homer City Council declares that the Land and Water Conservation Grant for the acquisition of SNA land, is needed

as a key negotiating lever for completing the much larger, more comprehensive land trade; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council urges the Lieutenant Governor and all members of the Land and Water Conservation Program Committee of the extreme necessity of this grant award as an impetus to the overall success of the Kachemak Bay State Park land exchange.

DATED this 24 4 day of March, 1989.

CITY OF HOMER

ATTEST:

PATTI J. WHAKIN, CITY CLERK