

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor

RESOLUTION 98-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
ENCOURAGING THE USE OF THE PORT OF HOMER AS THE
PORT OF CALL FOR THE M/V KENNICOTT DURING 1999
AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

WHEREAS, the KENNICOTT's inaugural year serving Southcentral Alaska is quickly coming to an end; and

WHEREAS, scheduling for the KENNICOTT for the 1999 season will be occurring very soon; and

WHEREAS, previous discussions with state officials indicated that if traveling public would use the Port of Homer and could fill the ferry to capacity at Homer, then Homer would be considered as a prime port of call; and

WHEREAS, discussions with ticketing authorities indicate reaching capacity out of Homer would be no problem; and

WHEREAS, the tourist industry has made indications that folks embarking or disembarking from the ferry system generally would like to start at one end of Alaska and work their way across the State without major needs to "double back"; and

WHEREAS, the location of Homer offers an entry point into the State where very little "doubling back" is necessary, allowing tourism access to the Kenai and Soldotna Area without "doubling back" as well as access to Seward with minimal effort; and

WHEREAS, the traveling public has indicated to ticketing personnel the desire for this travel without "doubling back" and the central and lower peninsula public has always needed more convenient access to Southeast; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Homer has the facility, currently, to accommodate the KENNICOTT without being impacted by the cruise ship industry, a problem experienced in other areas this summer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska that all efforts be made and all consideration be given to making the Port of Homer the port of call for the KENNICOTT's Southcentral loading and unloading for ferry runs from Southeast; and

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Homer City Clerk shall send copies of this Resolution as adopted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the cities of Kenai, Seldovia, and Soldotna for consideration of support and additional Resolutions; to the Speaker of the House Phillips, Senator Torgerson and Borough Mayor Navarre for additional input and support; and that efforts be made by DOT/PF Commissioner Perkins to implement scheduling considering Homer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska this 10th day of August, 1998.

CITY OF HOMER



JACK CUSHING, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARY L. CALHOUN, CMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: NA

