

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Parks

RESOLUTION 99-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING SOUTH PENINSULA HOSPITAL'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF THE LONG TERM CARE FACILITY AND REQUESTING THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO MAKE A FAVORABLE DECISION ON THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED.

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital's Long Term Care Facility has maintained an occupancy rate of 95-99% since 1994; and

WHEREAS, South Peninsula Hospital works closely with other agencies in the service area to provide a continuum of home and community based care to the residents and prevent nursing home placement as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, there has constantly been a waiting list of service area residents needing nursing home placement; and

WHEREAS, residents aged 85 and over are the most rapidly growing segment of the service area population; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for at least 10 additional Long Term Care beds to adequately serve the needs of the residents of the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the service area supported the expansion of the hospital, including the Long Term Care Facility, by a margin of 4 to 1; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health and Social Services has approved the Certificate of Need for all components of the expansion project except the Long Term Care Facility; and

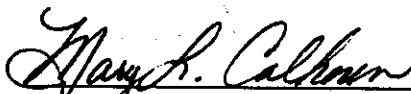
WHEREAS, the Certificate of Need application was submitted May 18, 1998 and further delay in making a decision on the Long Term Care expansion has the potential to significantly increase the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, denial of Certificate of Need will force residents of Homer to leave the community when they need nursing home care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT resolved that the Homer City Council supports the provision of services to City residents in their home community and requests that the Commissioner of Health and Social Services approve the Certificate of Need for 10 additional long term care beds to adequately serve the needs of our residents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd day of February 1999 by the Homer City Council

ATTEST:



MARY L. CALHOUN, CMC/AEE, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: NA

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KURT MARQUARDT, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE