

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Clerk

RESOLUTION 99-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA RECOGNIZING THE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS.

WHEREAS, the City of Homer recognizes the valuable assistance provided to Homer and other municipalities throughout Alaska by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA); and

WHEREAS, DCRA is a valuable resource tool to all communities, especially those rural communities that have few other resources readily available; and

WHEREAS, DCRA provides newly elected officials and Municipal Clerks with training in local government procedures and continues to be a valuable resource of knowledge concerning all facets of local government; and

WHEREAS, in February 1999 Midge Clouse from DCRA conducted a Commission/Board training session in Homer, met with the Homer Clerk's Office and Commission recording clerks and met with some Councilmembers at no cost to the City for this training except for travel, which was paid by the City of Homer due to a recent freeze on state travel; and

WHEREAS, there has been mention of reducing funding or eliminating DCRA and redistributing staff to the Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, it was determined in 1996 that elimination of this important agency would not save the state money and more importantly, would negatively affect services, especially in rural areas.

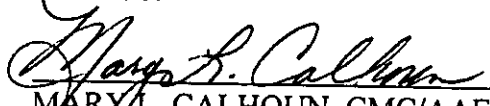
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska recognizes the valuable assistance provided by the Alaska State Department of Community and Regional Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Homer City Council requests the Legislature to consider the importance of this department and the dramatic negative impact a reduction of funding or elimination of DCRA would have to services in all municipalities and especially to our rural communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 22nd day of March, 1999

CITY OF HOMER

ATTEST:


MARY L. CALHOUN, CMC/AEE, CITY CLERK
Fiscal Note: NA.


JACK CUSHING, MAYOR