

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION

**HOMER PLAYGROUND PROJECT
DEB COX AND MIRANDA WEISS
& COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**

WHEREAS, The Homer Playground Project (HoPP) organization made up of local concerned community members was formed in April 2011 with the intent to upgrade and build a new, safe playground at Karen Hornaday Park for all local and visiting children and families to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, The HoPP organization, co-chaired by Deb Cox and Miranda Weiss, was able to fiscally operate under the umbrella of The Homer Foundation and partner with the City of Homer to pursue construction of this formidable task; and

WHEREAS, The HoPP organization hired playground experts Play By Design to design and orchestrate a comprehensive community built playground that required the input and participation from Homer community members and beyond to be successful; and

WHEREAS, The HoPP organization was able to successfully generate over \$250,000 for supplies and materials needed to build the new playground through the many generous donations, grants, and fundraising from individuals, families, organizations, non-profits, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, During the "Build Week" of May 20th to May 28th the new playground was constructed with over 585 individual volunteers, thousands of donated work hours and expertise, incredible amounts of coordination, and donations of food and drink for the workers, numerous donated items, supplies, tools, shipping costs, child care and construction equipment; and

WHEREAS, The estimated value of the new playground with all of the supplies, materials, labor and donation is \$500,000.

WHEREAS, Through the earnest collaboration, collective desire and the heart-felt effort, the Homer community rallied to work together and experience the delight in building a beautiful playground for children and families to enjoy for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James C. Hornaday, Mayor, hereby recognize and thank the HoPP organization, Co-Chairs Deb Cox and Miranda Weiss, Play By Design, the volunteers, the businesses, and the organizations that all helped make this project possible and remind us why Homer is such an incredible place to live, play, and recreate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Homer, Alaska, to be affixed this 11th day of June, 2012.

CITY OF HOMER

JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK