

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION**

**KAREN HORNADAY PARK: HOMER PLAYGROUND PROJECT (HoPP), HOMER  
LITTLE LEAGUE, AND THE CITY OF HOMER  
ALASKA RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION  
2011 FACILITY EXCELLENCE AWARD**

WHEREAS, In 2009 the City of Homer Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission established a Master Plan for Karen Hornaday Park that identifies over \$3 million in cost for much needed improvements; and

WHEREAS, \$445,000 in funds were awarded from the State of Alaska and dedicated by the City for playground and ball park improvements; and

WHEREAS, These dedicated funds limited what could be accomplished in addressing safety concern and prioritization of health and wellness specifically for the children due to neglect and upkeep of the park which has continued to be used over the years; and

WHEREAS, A local group of concerned parents formed the Homer Playground Project (HoPP), raising \$195,000 in less than a year. The group addressed logistics, concerns, liabilities, and fund raising efforts needed to build a beautiful and accessible playground; and

WHEREAS, Through the coordinated efforts of HoPP and the City of Homer, the community participated in "build week" and constructed the new playground with over 585 individual volunteers, thousands of donated work hours and expertise, donations of food and drink, supplies, tools, shipping costs, child care, and construction equipment resulting in an estimated value of \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, Homer Little League support and improvement efforts include upgrading ball parks and dugouts, improving infields, grass, and fencing through the same formula of grant funds for quality material and a dedicated workforce of knowledgeable volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARY E. WYTHER, Mayor of the City of Homer, Alaska, on behalf of the Homer City Council and the citizens do hereby recognize Karen Hornaday Park: Homer Playground Project (Hopp), Homer Little League, and the City Of Homer, as the recipients of Alaska Recreation and Park Association 2011 Facility Excellence Award.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the official seal of the City of Homer, Alaska on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

CITY OF HOMER

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MARY E. WYTHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK