

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

**THE CITY OF HOMER PARKS AND COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM
ALASKA RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION
2011 OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION AWARD**

WHEREAS, The mission statement of Community Recreation includes promoting community involvement and life-long learning through educational and recreation opportunities for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, During the year 2011, the Homer Community Recreation Program offered 122 programs and events, had 2,862 participants, and an estimated 15,021 total visits for all of our activities. Community Recreation also had 76 volunteers who donated 2,632 volunteer hours, estimated to be worth \$56,272; and

WHEREAS, Homer Community Recreation program serves as a small business incubator creating part time jobs to enhance our community's economic health. The program has approximately 35 contracted instructors with business licenses that generate great learning and recreating experiences and also creating important part time employment for the community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer has 17 dedicated parks with wide ranges of amenities, two with picnic shelters available to reserve for gatherings and special events. Homer also has 7 park areas used for recreational purposes but not yet dedicated, for a total park area of over 520 acres; and

WHEREAS, Some major highlights implemented through the Community Recreation Program and Homer Parks include running club, Adopt-a-Park program, Campground Host, a new playground, a new disc golf course, youth wrestling and youth basketball programs, and a new track.

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 The City of Homer Parks and Community Recreation Program as recipient of the Alaska Recreation and Park Association 2011 Outstanding Organization 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 26th day of November, 2012.

CITY OF HOMER

MARY E. WYTHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK