

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION**

**NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH**

**January 2014**

WHEREAS, Our children are our greatest treasures and represent the future of our community and state; and

WHEREAS, Guiding, nurturing, and educating our children is crucially important as we work to strengthen families and communities; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the primary responsibility of parents and families to educate and guide their children, mentors offer a vital and important role in shaping our children's personal and academic development; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that young people who receive mentoring develop improved self-confidence and social skills, better relationships, have increased knowledge of academic and career opportunities open to them, and are more likely to graduate high school; and

WHEREAS, Mentoring Month provides an opportunity to recognize and commend the efforts of mentoring programs throughout our community and to thank these mentors who selflessly spend countless hours preparing our youth for a better future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary E. Wythe, Mayor of the City of Homer, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2014 as:

**National Mentoring Month**

and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, religious and educational institutions to support mentoring in our community and give young people the gift of time and friendship through Big Brothers Big Sisters or other mentoring programs.

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MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK