

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

**Mayoral Proclamation**

**Month of June 2025  
Pride Month**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Homer recognizes the fundamental value of every individual and is committed to ensuring that all residents are treated with dignity and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month is celebrated across the country each June to honor the history, courage, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community, and to recognize the importance of promoting equity, acceptance, and visibility; and

**WHEREAS**, The diversity of the LGBTQ+ community enriches the cultural fabric of our town and contributes to the vibrancy and resilience of our shared civic life; and

**WHEREAS**, Homer stands with other communities around the United States in affirming the right of every individual to live authentically, safely, and free from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, The observance of Pride Month provides an opportunity to celebrate love, foster inclusion, and educate ourselves and future generations on the ongoing work of building a more just society;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rachel Lord, as Mayor of the City of Homer, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2025, as Pride Month in the City of Homer and encourage residents to engage in acts of compassion, learning, and unity in support of all members of our community.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2025

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Rachel Lord, Mayor

Attest:

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Renee Krause, MMC, City Clerk

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

**Mayoral Proclamation**

***June 19, 2025  
as Juneteenth***

**WHEREAS**, June 19, 1865, marks the date when news of the Emancipation Proclamation finally reached the last remaining enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas—more than two years after its issuance—signifying the end of slavery in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth stands as a powerful reminder of the resilience, courage, and contributions of Black Americans throughout our nation’s history; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is now recognized as a state and federal holiday, offering an opportunity for all Americans to reflect on the values of freedom, justice, and the continued pursuit of equality; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Homer acknowledges the importance of this day in honoring the struggles and triumphs of those who came before us and reaffirming our shared commitment to civil rights and human dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, Recognition of Juneteenth provides an opportunity to build awareness, promote education, and encourage dialogue across all communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rachel Lord, as Mayor of the City of Homer, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth in the City of Homer and encourage all residents to join in reflection, learning, and community-building efforts that strengthen our collective understanding of freedom and inclusion.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2025

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Rachel Lord, Mayor

Attest:

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Renee Krause, MMC, City Clerk

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA  
Mayoral Recognition  
of**

**Ash-Lee Waddell**

**An Outstanding Alaskan from Homer recently recognized by the First Lady Volunteer Awards and embodying the true spirit of Homer and our care for one another through service and compassion.**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Homer celebrates its greatest strength, its people, who through resilience, compassion, and commitment create the foundation of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ash-Lee Waddell, a Homer resident, has been recognized as one of six Alaskans selected for the prestigious 2025 First Lady's Volunteer Awards, honoring individuals who go above and beyond in service to others and in strengthening communities across our great state; and

**WHEREAS**, Ash-Lee's life of service is rooted in her lived experience of challenge, resilience, deep empathy, and an unwavering drive to build a better world for others—particularly children and families facing adversity;

**WHEREAS**, Ash-Lee has shown extraordinary volunteerism including at her son's school, Fireweed Academy, where she has contributed over 200 volunteer hours in just six months, and through the community with countless acts of kindness including delivering holiday meals, mentoring children, and supporting families in crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Her story, defined by grit, love, and action, is emblematic of the spirit of Homer: a town where neighbors lift each other up, and ordinary people quietly accomplish extraordinary good; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rachel Lord, Mayor of the City of Homer, do hereby recognize and honor Ash-Lee Waddell as an outstanding Alaskan, and commend her for embodying the true spirit of Homer through her remarkable dedication, service, and compassion.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Homer, Alaska, to be affixed this 27th day of May, 2025.

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Rachel Lord, Mayor

Attest:

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Renee Krause, MMC, City Clerk